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Two-year-olds punch tickets to Timonium

In a multi-part package, get ready for Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's iconic sale of 2-year-olds this month. The sale features 600 horses, and numerous quality offerings. We take a catalog tour, wonder Why Timonium? and zero in—a little—on the issue of fast workouts at juvenile sales. By Joe Clancy. [Page 28](#)

Heavy hearts as Parx community remembers Flores

Parx Racing may never be the same as the track and its people are left reeling by the death of veteran jockey Jose Luis Flores. A winner of more than 4,000 races, Flores died from injuries suffered in a fall at the Pennsylvania track. By Joe Clancy. [Page 44](#)

Noble Indy spurs Derby dreams

Fred Hart gets a brush with greatness as a Pennsylvania-bred mare he used to own produces Louisiana Derby-G2 winner Noble Indy. By Linda Dougherty. [Page 48](#)



Balance the Budget's big day

Winning his seasonal debut for the fourth consecutive year, Balance the Budget produces a frontrunning victory for late Virginia owner Ned Bonnie. By Sean Clancy. [Page 56](#)

Cover: If it's May, it's to ponder the 2-year-old sale at Timonium. A set of juveniles puts the finishing touches on board at Aiken Training Center. Photo by Barry Bornstein.

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We have also added a feature under the MD Breds tab that lists a week's worth of entries/results of Maryland-bred runners.

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POST TIME

ASS KICKER. Pennsylvania-bred and Maryland-sired Army Mule rolls away from the field (and past the parking garage) to win the Grade 1 Carter Handicap at Aqueduct April 7. **Adam Coglianese/NYRA photo**



SAY IT AGAIN



DOUGLAS LEES

Ross Pearce and Juggernaut after winning over timber at Fair Hill in 1979.

“Even Ross Pearce did well with him.”

Trainer Dr. John Fisher, on star timber horse of yesteryear Juggernaut (and the riding prowess of the current Maryland steward)

“Well, we just got on a boat so . . .”

Trainer Mark Hennig, who spent the winter (and early spring) in Florida, to a Maryland-based writer griping about the weather

“Well, we’re on our way to the beach and, oh look, 40 pelicans just went by. You gotta see this stuff to believe it.”

Trainer Phil Serpe, playing the same game as Hennig

“You never know whether age and experience are valuable anymore. Now they just think you’re old.”

Horse trainer, comparing himself to some new names out there

“I’m probably training one of your future stake horses . . .”

Voice-mail message of J.J. Crupi, on why he can’t take your call

MILESTONES

Hosted: Its second annual Students on Track program to introduce college students to all aspects of Thoroughbred racing, the Maryland Jockey Club, March 10. Twenty-eight students from the University of Maryland, Goucher College, Equine Studies Institute, University of Findlay and Virginia Tech took part in the program. The day at Laurel Park allowed college students the chance to watch morning workouts and interact with persons playing a vital role in a horse’s daily care, take part in a panel discussion/question and answer session, and network with racing experts during the early live races. This year’s panel was comprised of Dr. Chuck Arensberg, veterinarian at the Fair Hill Training Center; Jocelyn Brooks, chief of staff at Sagamore Farm; and Jessica Hammond, program administrator for Beyond the Wire, the Maryland racing community’s aftercare initiative.

Wanted: Applications for The Jockey Club’s Thoroughbred Incentive Program’s two annual awards—Thoroughbred of the Year and Young Rider of the Year. The former recognizes a Thoroughbred who excels in a non-competitive career such as assisted therapy or police work. The latter recognizes riders 18 and under as of Jan. 1, 2018, who own or lease a Thoroughbred for use in 4-H, Pony Club and other activities. Each prize is worth \$5,000—the Thoroughbred of the Year to the non-profit associated with the horse or a charity chosen by The Jockey Club, and the Young Rider of the Year in the form of a college scholarship or participation in an event that furthers an involvement with horses. Find application forms and information at tjctip.com.

GO FIGURE

157 Jockeys who have died from racing-related injuries since The Jockeys’ Guild began keeping statistics in 1940.

3 Horses buried on Dr. John and Dolly Fisher’s farm in Pennsylvania—timber heroes Island Stream (a foal of 1962), Juggernaut (1969) and Revelstoke (1985).

217,730 Dollars raised for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund during a telethon on TVG April 8.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Overhear. Barlar’s homebred 4-year-old filly—a winner at Charles Town April 4—is out of Listen In. She joins her brothers Intercept and Snoop in racing for trainer Bernie Houghton.

Kuznetsov. Brad and Gene Gould’s 4-year-old filly continues the tradition of Thoroughbred owners turning to the last names of hockey players (Foligno, Tikkanen, Sundin and so on). Evgeny Kuznetsov plays for the Washington Capitals. Of course, it’s also the name of a Russian aircraft carrier.

Pram. Owner/trainer and co-breeder Jonathan Sheppard’s 7-year-old mare is by Stroll out of My Papoose. The Pennsylvania-bred won the inaugural Life’s Illusion hurdle stakes at the Carolina Cup meet in March.



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What's in a Name?

The Salvator Mile

A periodic look at the names of various stakes races in the region or with a regional connection. Who were they? And what did they do to get honored in such a way?



Fearing by his competitors and worshiped by the masses, Salvator, by Prince Charlie out of Salina (by Lexington), was considered one of the most exceptional horses of the 19th century and carved his way into the National Hall of Fame's inaugural class in 1955.

In honor of the horse, Monmouth Park created the Salvator Mile Stakes in 1948 for 3-year-olds and up. First contested for a purse of \$13,350, in its 70 years of running the race has featured some of the strongest Mid-Atlantic competition and even been used for some as a stepping stone for the Breeders' Cup.

Today, the Grade 3 race runs for a purse of \$100,000 as part of the revived Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships series. Returning after a 16-year hiatus, the MATCH program runs over five months with horses competing to earn points based on participation and order of finish. The leading points earners in each of the series divisions, as well as the overall owner and trainer points leaders, win enticing bonuses. The Salvator Mile kicks off the Long Dirt Division May 26.

The story of Salvator as a champion racehorse began at Monmouth Park. Taking it back to his early days, the striking chestnut was bred in Kentucky by Daniel Swigert at historic Elmendorf Farm.

Swigert purchased Elmendorf from Milton H. Sanford in 1881. The over

1,000-acre property featured some of the best broodmares and sires in racing.

For years Swigert ran Elmendorf, breeding exceptional horses and pinhooking some of the most recognizable names in the business, such as Spendthrift, named by Swigert for his wife's spending habits.

Now disbanded, the land was purchased by several surrounding farms. Elmendorf was once at the pinnacle of the sport and created some of the most important bloodlines that continue to impact the sport today.

As part of his pinhooking venture, Salvator was purchased as a yearling from Swigert by owner James Ben Ali Haggin for \$4,500 and turned over to trainer Matthew Byrnes.

The duo immediately recognized potential in a juvenile Salvator and he was ambitiously placed in his debut race against 13 other starters at Monmouth Park in the Junior Champion Stakes, the second richest race of the year. Salvator commenced his career with a game fourth while the winner, Proctor Knott, completed 6 furlongs in a track record of 1:14.

Following that performance, Salvator and Proctor Knott squared off again, this time in The Futurity Race at Sheephead Bay run by The Coney Island Jockey Club. Again, Salvator finished behind Proctor Knott, this time by only a half-length.

After losing his first two starts, Salvator bounced back with an almost perfect record for the remainder of his career. Later in the year, he won four consecutive stakes—the Flatbush, Maple, Tuckahoe and Titan—to conclude his juvenile campaign.

In 1889, Salvator was named champion 3-year-old male, finishing the year with seven wins out of eight starts including Monmouth Park's Omnibus Stakes and Jersey Handicap. Throughout that season, Salvator was faced with his most competitive challenger, Tenny. The pair met several times throughout their career.

Salvator's connections decided to give him extended time away from the track at the beginning of his 4-year-old season. With Salvator on the sidelines, Tenny won four consecutive races. The two faced off in the seventh running of the Suburban Handicap at Sheephead Bay, where again Salvator prevailed.

In defeat, Tenny's owner D.T. Pulsifer felt his horse was the better of the two, arguing that Salvator had interfered with his horse, and challenged Salvator and his connections to a match race. The race was held in the summer of 1890, at Sheephead Bay.

A *New York Times* headline about the race called the matchup "the greatest in the history of Thoroughbred racing."

The atmosphere was described as electric.

As the *Times* put it, "Everyone knew it was a battle for blood, and that the better horse would win, but few expected to see the record knocked to pieces as it was. The enthusiasm shown with the running of the race was unequaled at any racing event during the past decade."

The race came down to a bob at the finish line with Salvator winning by half a head. A photographer happened to be stationed at the finish line and captured one of the first ever photo finishes, used to confirm who won the race.

For Haggin and Byrnes, Salvator had a record of 16-1-1 from 19 starts and \$113,240 in earnings. At the time of his retirement only two horses had collected more in earnings.

Salvator returned to his place of birth and stood at stud at Elmendorf Farm, which had been purchased by Haggin. He sired 14 stakes winners and marked his place in Mid-Atlantic and American history as one of the most prominent runners and stallions of his time. The Salvator Mile at Monmouth Park remains a historic race and continues as a prep for some of the most significant graded stakes races in the region.

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THE RACING BIZ

Historical racing law to “reinvigorate” Virginia racing industry: Virginia Governor Ralph Northam waited until the very last day, April 9, but at last signed legislation that will allow “historical racing” machines in Virginia and is expected to allow Colonial Downs to reopen for live racing, reported Frank Vespe.

Jock Tais Lyapustina earns first win: “Best thing ever,” said 26-year-old jock Tais Lyapustina after getting her first career win at Laurel Park March 30. Vespe caught up with the native of nearby Bowie, Md.

For trainer Hanagan, getting a Court Date pays off: Young trainer Lela Hanagan won with five of 15 runners in the first months of the year at Charles Town, led by her talented (and creatively named) homebred Court Date. Ted Black reports.

Trimble, Russell sure to remember Always: Trainer Brittany Trimble and jockey Sheldon Russell, who are engaged, teamed up for their first win together with first-time starter Always at Laurel Park in late March, reported Vespe.

Carlos Castro—miracle to be alive: Freak accident away from the race track has Charles Town rider Carlos Castro, and his family, facing a daunting future, reports Black.

Virginia Residency Program providing full barns, and a future

Abridged story by Nick Hahn, posted April 12 in Breaking, Business, Top Stories, Virginia, Virginia Business. Read the story in its entirety at TheRacingBiz.com.

Call it a one-two punch. Governor Ralph Northam’s signing of House Bill 1609 that allows historical horse racing at Colonial Downs and satellite facilities is the second step of a Virginia Thoroughbred industry revitalization process that actually began with a promising incentive program launched last year that is already having visible benefits.

Historical racing is a form of wagering that allows players to bet on previously run races without knowing which races they are wagering on, creating a slot machine-like outcome, and it is expected to lead to the revitalization of Colonial Downs.

As important as the reopening of Colonial Downs is, however, the track will only thrive if there are horses to run at it, and the Virginia Certified Residency Program is helping to foster that population. The program encourages owners to keep their horses in Virginia for a minimum six-month residency prior to the start of their 3-year-old year. Owners of certified horses can earn a 25 percent bonus for wins at mid-Atlantic racetracks. The promising incentive program is filling the barns of established racing and training entities that previously were searching for viability and now could be headed toward vitality.

Three of those are DMC Racing Stables in Berryville, Eagle Point Farm in Ashland, and Braeburn Farm in Crozet. “I don’t know what we would have done,” said DMC’s Diana McClure, where the horse population has grown from five to 18. “This is a steady revenue stream. We’re surviving, even thriving. The intention is to keep it going even after the racetrack opens. We were sitting at a table two years ago trying to figure out what to do. We all knew we had to do something. We didn’t know the impacts would be this good.”

“It’s kept us in business,” agrees Braeburn’s Patrick Nuesch.

And not just the farms and training centers. “Our feedman is happy, our strawman is happy,” said Eagle Point’s Donna Dennehy who has hired five more grooms and/or maintenance positions since the program began. “We’ve resurfaced breaking pens, bought a starting gate and a golf cart and are fixing up things around here that haven’t been touched in years.” On a farm where she had two yearlings a year ago, Dennehy says she now has 24—and the spinoff impacts of the investment are boosting employment and helping plenty of small businesses around the state.

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Talking Shop with Mike Hopkins

Mike Hopkins, the Maryland Racing Commission's executive director since 2002 after spending 18 years as deputy director, is the new chair of the Association of Racing Commissioners International. Hopkins last year was honored with the ARCI's Len Foote Award, which recognizes exemplary service and contribution to racing integrity by a commission executive director as chosen by his or her peers.

Hopkins grew up on his family's Elberton Hill Farm in Darlington, Md. At age 12, he was working the Fasig-Tipton yearling sales at Saratoga for Windfields Farm. His first racetrack job came in 1980 at Pimlico, taking tickets from fans entering the infield tunnel on Preakness Day. Hopkins spent 12 years as a steward and remains an accredited official.

He sat down at the recent ARCI Conference on Equine Welfare and Racing Integrity with turf publicist Jennie Rees for a conversation released by the ARCI in April.

Of all the many jobs you've had, which one prepared you the most to be the ARCI chair?

All of them have been preparation for that, because it's provided me experience in almost every aspect of horse racing that we regulate in the state and throughout country. Racing office, horse identifier, stewards stand, driving a truck for 20 years delivering horses all over the country, working on my parents' farm, at Windfields Farm, which was a great experience. And being around good horses and good horsemen and good owners.

Why did you decide to stick with the regulatory side?

I just thought it was fun. I've enjoyed it. I had opportunities to go to racetracks in other states. (Former Pimlico executive) Chick Lang was my mentor. Chick would say, "I got a job for you in track management." He'd say, "I know your family is here, you have deep family ties to Maryland and you don't want to go. I just want you to know the opportunity is there if you want to take it." And I'd always turn him down to go different places. I think it was the right choice, and the right choice for me.

Your tenure as ARCI chair is a year. What are your priorities?

That continued collaboration with all the industry stakeholders. Medication uniformity is extremely important. We've done a lot of good things over the last 15-20 years. They just need to continue to



be nudged down the road. I think continued communication with every stakeholder in this industry is important, that we all come out on the right end of it in thinking of the safety and welfare of the horse and safety of the riders, and to make sure we're protecting the wagering public.

The Mid-Atlantic has been at the forefront of developing a regional compact where regulations would be truly identical. Do you see that as a model for national uniformity?

I do. I've got to give Alan Foreman (chair and CEO of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association) a lot of credit, because he's been formulating these meetings and pushing for it for years. What he's done with these meetings we have, it's not only the horsemen's organizations that are represented but actual horsemen who show up. They get a full description of what direction we want to go and the changes we want to make. They get answers to their questions or concerns they have. Or maybe we overlooked something. That type of communications and collaboration with horsemen's organizations, and racetracks, in those large meeting has translated to the local horsemen's organizations. We can come back to Maryland and have separate meetings with these organizations and describe what we plan on doing — to get buy-in and trying to make a level playing field for those people. That's all they want: uniformity, the same rules from one state line to the next.

Put in perspective the speed of getting uniformity.

Legitimate question, a great question. In Maryland, when I go to make a rule change, it takes around three to four months. That's if everything falls into place and at what time of the year. That four months could turn into seven or eight. New Jersey has incorporation by reference, where once ARCI adopts a (model) regulation it becomes regulation in their state. West Virginia, everything goes through their legislative process, and they meet once a year. If they get a regulation change in the middle of September, they have to wait an entire year, almost 18 months before we come back to their legislative process. So that is a challenge for everybody, and it's also a challenge for the horsemen, because you try to translate that information and educate them about what you're trying to do.

What is your position on proposed federal bill H.R. 2651, speaking for yourself?

I think the introduction of the compact this time, without the "opt-out" provisions in it, would resolve many of the problems. The compact and/or the federal legislation doesn't solve other problems we have in regard to medication. Research and development is imperative, including as far as growth hormones, peptides. More research money has to be found to accomplish that. I don't see anything in the federal bill that would alleviate that issue as far as research is concerned. As far as other things the federal bill does, I think that from our regulatory standpoint, with the introduction of the compact, we'd be accomplishing the same thing as the federal bill.

Can any state join the compact?

Anyone. Kentucky has a form of legislation passed; I don't know if they can use that to join the compact. Virginia has it. Colorado has it. Washington State is going through the process of adopting language. New Jersey. Pennsylvania. New York. Delaware. The more you have, the better off you are.

What's the most difficult aspect of being a racing regulator?

Making sure that the changes you've initiated are communicated well, and (getting) people to pay attention to it. Probably the most difficult thing to do is to make sure

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The Light Hearted Stakes - Grade BT For Fillies 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 70 yds	June 6	\$50,000	May 25	FREE
The Stanton Stakes - Grade BT For 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16 (Turf)	June 13	\$50,000	May 28	FREE
The Obeah Stakes - Listed Fillies and Mares—3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/8	June 16	\$100,000	June 2	\$50
The Christiana Stakes - Grade BT For Fillies 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16 (Turf)	June 20	\$50,000	June 8	FREE
THE DELAWARE OAKS - Grade III For Fillies 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16	July 7	\$300,000	June 23	\$100
The Dashing Beauty Stakes - Grade BT For Fillies and Mares—3 Year Olds & Upward	6 furlongs	July 7	\$75,000	June 25	FREE
The Robert G. Dick Memorial - Grade III Fillies and Mares—3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 3/8 (Turf)	July 7	\$200,000	June 23	\$100
The Cape Henlopen Stakes - Grade BT 3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/2 (Turf)	July 7	\$75,000	June 25	FREE
The Carl Hanford Memorial Stakes - Grade BT 3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/16	July 14	\$50,000	July 2	FREE
THE DELAWARE HANDICAP - Grade II Fillies and Mares—3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/4	July 14	\$750,000	June 30	\$300
The Hockessin Stakes - Grade BT 3 Year Olds & Upward	6 furlongs	July 14	\$75,000	July 2	FREE
The Kent Stakes - Grade III For 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/8 (Turf)	July 14	\$200,000	June 30	\$100
The DTHA Governors Day Handicap Ⓢ ** ♦ 3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 70 yds	Sept 29	\$75,000	Sept 15	FREE
The First State Dash Ⓢ * For 2 Year Olds	5 1/2 furlongs	Sept 29	\$100,000	Sept 15	FREE
The Small Wonder Ⓢ * For Fillies-2 Year Olds	5 1/2 furlongs	Sept 29	\$100,000	Sept 15	FREE
The New Castle Ⓢ * For 3 Year Olds & Upward	6 furlongs	Sept 29	\$100,000	Sept 15	FREE
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the people you are trying to regulate read the information you're giving them.

Is being new chair of ARCI an honor or an added burden of work?

I'm humbled by it. I'm humbled to the fact that I was nominated to be put in that rotation to take the position. Actually Frank Zanzuccki (executive director of the New Jersey Racing Commission) is the one who recommended me. I look at it as an opportunity to try and further the commitment we all have to protect the integrity and welfare of the horses that we're overseeing and the riders and all the participants.

What are you doing now off the job?

That's off the chart? Getting ready for my daughter to get married. A number of years ago a friend of mine would come over behind the house with his dogs. He had a couple of Labradors that had been trained for field trials. I had never done that with a dog. My wife said, "You ought to get one." I said, "OK." He happened to have a litter of puppies, and I got a dog and start-

ed training dogs. I had a lot of fun with them. I don't train them now, because I'm down to one old dog. But I do want to get another one. It's a great concept. It's you and the dog. You have competitors, but it's up to you and up to him, and you work together. . . I'm in the national Field Trial Gunners Guild. I get invited twice a year to the national championships with these dogs, where they run 100 of the best dogs and at the end of the week there's one winner. That's it. There are no seconds. They are "finishers." So when I'm not working in racing, I'll spend as much time as I can with some dogs or with other friends helping their dogs get better. They're field dogs, and I train them for field trial competitions and hunting tests.

What is the state of horse racing in the United States?

Horse racing, overall, I think it tells a good story. I think horse racing is certainly on a resurgence in a number of regions of the country. I think it's because more attention is being paid by track management, that it slipped for a while. I think

horsemen are paying more attention to it, being more likely to negotiate in a fair manner. The breeding industry, because the number of horses being produced is flat, and I think the primary reason is you don't have that many owners out there who are willing to step up and make the investment. That's one of the aspects we've seen over the years, where you had four owners with four different horses, now you have four owners with one horse. Certainly the supply and demand is not there at this point. Racetracks would certainly like to see more. Full fields and larger purses seem to be what's driving this train right now. As long as all the parties involved in this industry are willing to sit down and have discussions, whether they agree or disagree, there's always room for compromise. Always room to move forward. You never sit still, never sit stagnant. There's always a way to improve some things. Unless you stay at the table and contribute one way or the other, you'll never reach that goal to continually improve what you're doing.



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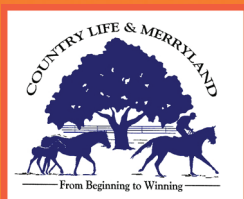


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Mid-Atlantic-breds sold at March 2-year-old sales

A West Virginia-bred colt purchased by agent Steven W. Young for \$470,000 topped all Mid-Atlantic-breds sold at the Florida March 2-year-old sales in Ocala and at Gulfstream Park.

Sent through the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's selected 2-year-olds in training sale, the bay colt by Violence is out of the Holy Bull mare Holy Princess, making him a half-brother to stakes winners Silver Heart, Aspenglow and Silver Cub, the latter dam of Grade 1-winning juvenile Noted and Quoted. Bred by Nancy L. Terhune and Ernest C. Frohboese, the colt was sold as a yearling at Keeneland in September, with Brad Grady and Bobby Dodd making the purchase for \$90,000 in the name of Grand Oaks.

Nine Mid-Atlantic-breds sold at the Ocala sale held March 13-14 for a gross of \$2,255,000, averaging \$250,556, nearly 50 percent higher than the overall average for the sale held in Ocala, Fla.

Of the six regional-bred juveniles to walk through the ring at Fasig-Tipton's Gulfstream Sale March 28, four sold for six-figures.

Six-figure Mid-Atlantic-breds at OBS (with breeder, consignor and buyer):

\$470,000. Dk.b./br.c., Violence—Holy Princess, by Holy Bull (W.Va.); Nancy L. Terhune and Ernest C. Frohboese; Bobby Dodd, agent II; Steven W. Young, agent.

\$400,000. Dk.b./br.f., Uncle Mo—Winiliscious, by Lawyer Ron (N.J.); Joseph A. Iola; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent III; Phoenix Thoroughbreds III.

\$400,000. Gr./ro.c., Dominus—Lil Cora Tee, by Lil E. Tee (Pa.); Maria Montez Haire; Bobby Dodd, agent I; Dennis O'Neill.

\$310,000. Ch.f., El Padrino—Stuttgart, by Cherokee Run (Md.); Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC; Julie Davies, agent II; Charles H. Boden, agent.

\$300,000. Dk.b./br.c., Sky Mesa—Patriot Miss, by Quiet American (Va.); Lazy Lane Farms LLC; Pick View LLC, agent II; James Divito, agent.

\$180,000. Dk.b./br.c., Shanghai Bobby—Lucette, by Dayjur (Md.); Marathon Farms Inc.; Eisaman Equine, agent; Garry Simms, agent.

\$100,000. Dk.b./br.f., Flashback—Bud's Little Edge, by Valid Expectations (Pa.); Randy Alderson; Omega Farm, agent; West Point, L.E.B., agent.

Six-figure Mid-Atlantic-breds at Fasig-Tipton Florida:

\$250,000. B.c., Hard Spun—Street Interest, by Street Cry (Ire) (Va.); Morgan's Ford Farm; Crupi's New Castle Farm agent; Bobby Flay, BSW, agent.

\$250,000. TAKE THEM ON, ch.c., Shackelford—Ms. Cruisen', by Candy Ride (Arg) (Pa.); Matthew T. Groff; Pick View LLC agent; Dale Romans, agent.

\$175,000. Ch.c., Dialed In—Her Lady Grace, by Lord Carson (Pa.); Donald L. Brown Jr.; Q Bar J Thoroughbreds LLC (Jenn and Quincy Adams) agent; Deuce Greathouse, agent.

\$120,000. B.c., Noble Mission (GB)—Mahkama, by Bernardini (Pa.); Blackstone Farm LLC; Gulfstream Gallop LLC, Kirkwood Stables agent; Caves Farm.

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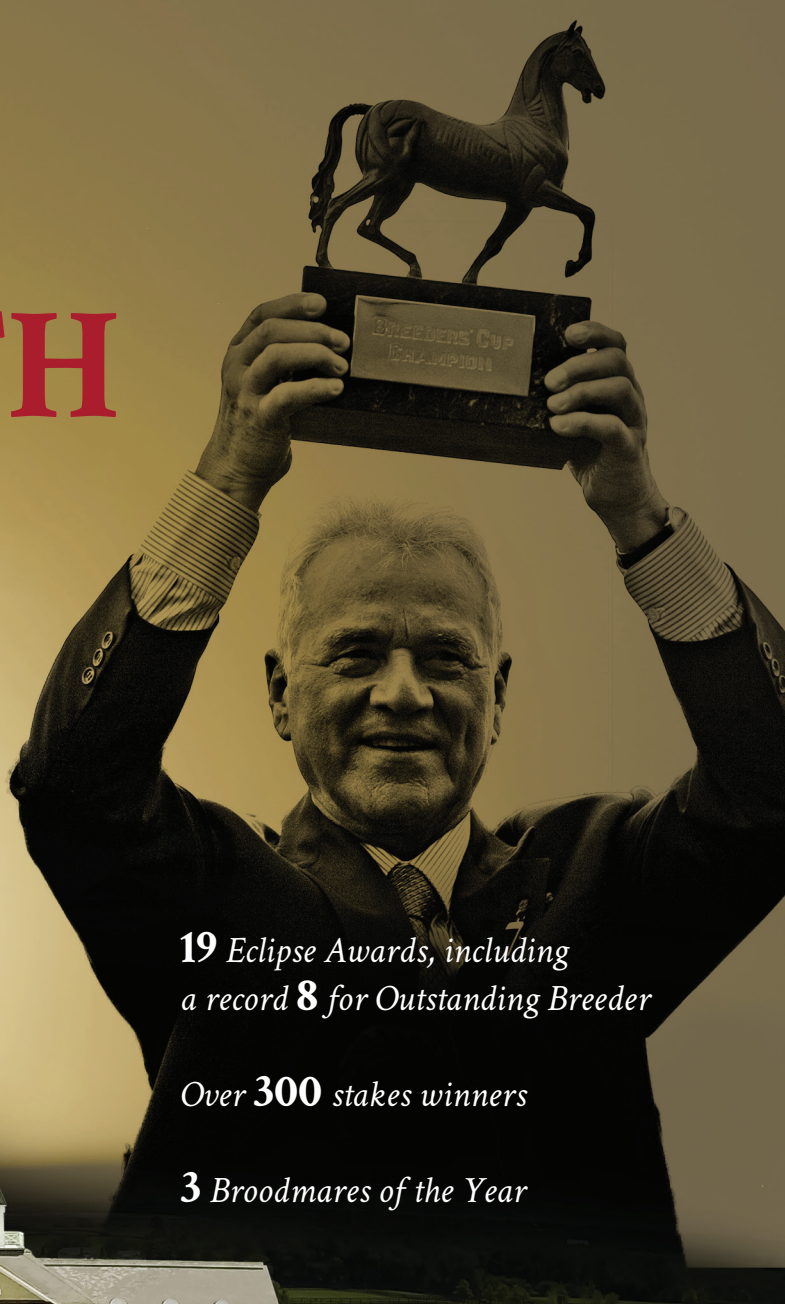
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Preakness Owner Facts

THE STREAK:

George L. Lorillard won five consecutive runnings, starting with Duke of Magenta in 1878 and finishing with Vanguard in 1882. Over a seven-year span, 11 Lorillard horses started in the Preakness.

Greentree Stable leads all owners by starters, with 19, the last in 1981 (Woodchopper). The list includes memorable names Twenty Grand, Shut Out and Devil Diver, but only one, Capot, wore the Black-Eyed Susans, winning in 1949.

John F. Chamberlin owned the winner of the first Preakness, Survivor. Two years later he won it again, with Tom Ochiltree.



Calumet's Preakness Glory

The devil's red and blue silks of Calumet Farm are as iconic as Yankee pinstripes or Notre Dame gold. In Preakness history, no other stable experienced the longevity or success of the Wright family's juggernaut.

Warren Wright masterminded Calumet, backed by a fortune acquired by the success of the Calumet Baking Powder Company founded by his father William Wright.

The younger Wright immersed himself in the Thoroughbred world in the early 1930s after inheriting his father's Standardbred farm and stable. In less than five years, Calumet Farm runners were appearing in the classics.

Wright's first Preakness starter came in 1935 with homebred filly Nellie Flag, whose dam Nellie Morse won the Preakness in 1924. Wright purchased Nellie Morse with Nellie Flag in utero, and the filly became Calumet's first champion as a juvenile. Sent off as one of the favorites in the Preakness (after running fourth a week earlier in the Kentucky Derby) she finished seventh behind eventual Triple Crown winner Omaha. That would be the worst finish of Calumet Farm's 14 starters—who accounted for 11 top-three placements—from 1935 through 1978.

No other owner or breeder has more Preakness wins (seven). Modern-day Calumet Farm, now owned by Brad Kelley, added an eighth win as an owner with Oxbow in 2013.

Eighty years ago, a streak was launched in which every 10 years over the next four decades a Calumet runner appeared—resulting in three wins and a second—though that success on years ending in eight was just part of the story.

Calumet's second Preakness starter, Bull Lea, purchased as a yearling by Wright, failed to hit the board in 1938, finishing sixth as torrents of rain turned the

day into one of the most miserable in Preakness history. William duPont's Foxcatcher Farms won with Dauber, who splashed home the easiest of winners. But Bull Lea eventually proved the brightest light, as the nation's leading sire five times.

Calumet hired Ben Jones, later succeeded by his son Horace "Jimmy" Jones, in 1939 and soon began putting Preakness trophies on the mantel.

The first came in 1941 with popular Triple Crown winner Whirlaway. Pensive won in 1944. Bull Lea's son Faultless won in 1947.

In 1948, Calumet star Citation (another son of Bull Lea) won the Preakness en route to the Triple Crown.

Wright died in December 1950, and his widow, Lucille, continued the operation. She married Gene Markey two years later, and the couple rode the ebb and flow of the stable's fortunes for the next three decades.

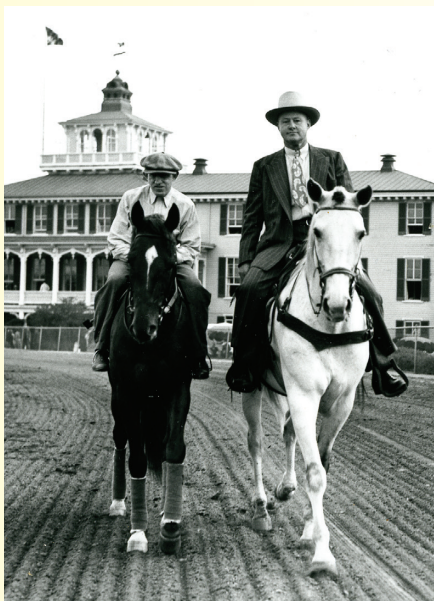
Fabius took the 1956 race, giving the Kentucky-based farm five Preakness wins coming into the 1958 edition.

Tim Tam entered that Preakness off seven consecutive wins over the previous three months, including the Kentucky Derby, and easily captured his only start at Pimlico. He seemed destined to become Calumet's third Triple Crown winner until finishing second (and pulling up lame) in the Belmont.

Right on schedule, Calumet's next Preakness starter appeared in 1968. Sent off as a slight favorite, Forward Pass didn't disappoint and won by 6 lengths.

The final horse to carry the devil's red and blue in the Preakness for Calumet was Alydar—in 1978. One of the farm's best, Alydar's battles with Affirmed, including a second by a neck in the Preakness, remain part of racing lore.

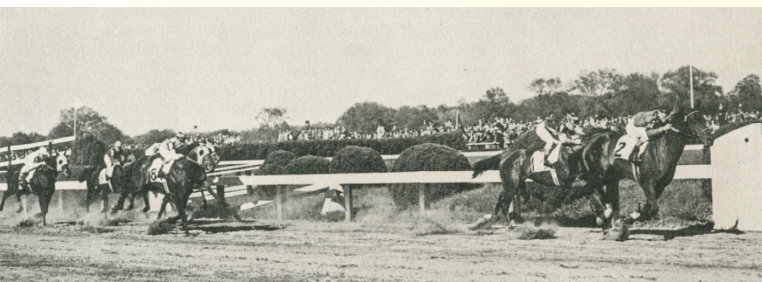
—Cindy Deubler



Calumet's first Preakness winner Whirlaway (accompanied at Pimlico by trainer Ben Jones) went on to capture the 1941 Triple Crown.



The battles between Affirmed and Alydar in 1978 were ones for the ages.



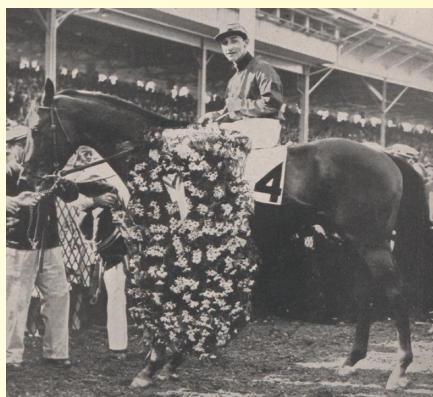
Faultless, a son of Bull Lea, ably filled in for sidelined stablemate Fervent in 1947, taking the Flamingo, Blue Grass, Derby Trial and Preakness.



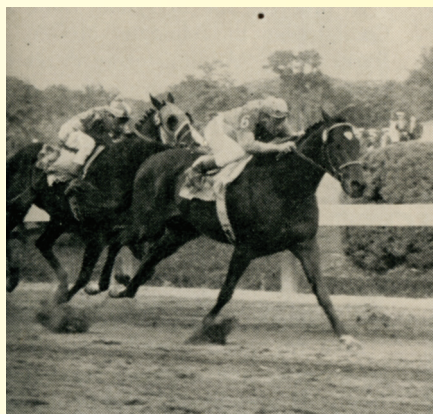
Tim Tam won eight in a row, including the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, in 1958, when fate denied him a Triple Crown after pulling up lame in the Belmont.



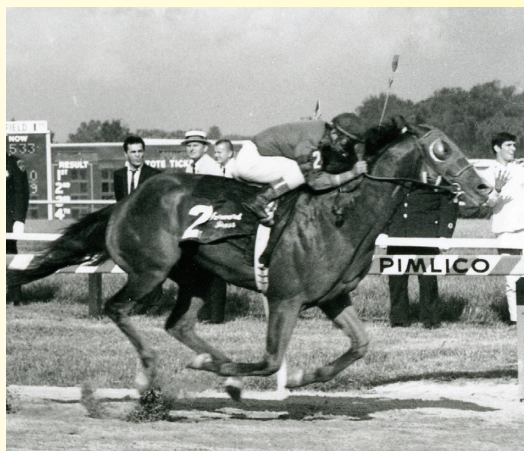
Pensive made four starts at Pimlico in April 1944 before winning the Derby and Preakness.



Citation left his three challengers in the dust in 1948, leading at every call as the 1-10 favorite.



Citation's first crop yielded Fabius, who turned the tables on Derby winner Needles in 1956.



There was no question who was the best horse in the 1968 Preakness, as Forward Pass won by 6 lengths, after a Derby victory on the disqualification of Dancer's Image.

There was actually a Preakness Stable, which won the Preakness twice (1890 and 1895). The stable was established by Milton H. Sanford, who won the Dinner Party Stakes with his runner Preakness, for which the classic is named. Sanford sold the stable to James Galway in 1881, and it was Galway's runners—Montague and Belmar—who are listed among the winners.

Three times an owner has had a 50-50 chance of winning Preakness, as only two horses started in 1883, 1884 and 1889.

The most recent owner to win the race twice was The Thoroughbred Corporation of the late Prince Ahmed bin Salman, whose green and white silks were carried by future Hall of Famer Point Given in 2001 and War Emblem in 2002.

Art Student



Smitted. In simplest terms, the word means to impress favorably; to emotionally affect with a strong or sudden feeling. And in classic stream-of-consciousness rhetoric, it's a word forever linked to 24-year-old retired broodmare Art Student.

The Kentucky-bred daughter of El Prado (Ire) and the winning Crafty Prospector mare Crafty's Wish was purchased by the late Bill Backer's Smitten Farm for \$52,000 at the 1995 Keeneland September yearling sale. Sent to trainer Barclay Tagg at Laurel Park, she ran just three times as a 3-year-old at that Maryland oval in 1997—winning

all three, culminating in the Landaura Stakes—before joining Backer's broodmare band at his property in The Plains, Va. Purchased in the 1980s by Backer and his wife, Anne Mudge Backer, the Smitten Farm name stemmed from Backer's claim to have been smitten by the land and the very idea of raising horses and cattle on the picturesque acreage.

Bill Backer, who passed away in May 2016 at 89, earned fame and fortune as one of the most creative and prolific minds in the advertising industry. Developing slogans and jingles for megawatt clients like Miller Lite beer, Campbell Soup and Nabisco, his magnum opus

was undoubtedly the 1971 Coca-Cola commercial featuring the timeless "I'd Like to Buy the World a Coke."

As a horseman, the Charleston, S.C., native and Yale graduate got his start in Thoroughbred racing in the mid-1950s when he and a partner spent \$500 for a weanling. Named Wink Proof, the colt earned Backer his first win as an owner in 1956 at Bowie. Over the next 60 years, the Smitten Farm silks—royal blue emblazoned with the crescent moon and palmetto tree of the South Carolina state flag—were carried by generations of homebred stakes winners.

Maryland-bred Blind Date (Not For Love—Snit, by Fit to Fight) ranks as one of Backer's best. Trained by Hamilton Smith, her wins included the All Brandy Stakes, Maryland Million Distaff Handicap, Pearl Necklace Stakes, Pimlico's Hilltop Stakes on Black-Eyed Susan Day in 2009, and fittingly, the Virginia Oaks-G3 at Colonial Downs later that summer.

The gray Art Student made her own solid contributions to the Smitten Farm line. Her first foal to race, the Lear Fan gelding Air Brush, made 56 starts and earned \$261,141. Viscount, by Orientate, brought \$350,000 at the 2008 Keeneland sale of 2-year-olds and earned \$163,905. Another Smith trainee, the Out of Place mare Art Show, was a solid and consistent allowance winner with plenty of black-type on her page, including a win in the Salem County Stakes at the Meadowlands.

When advancing age and decreased fertility became problematic, Art Student left Smitten Farm for new ownership with Maryland breeder/owner Don Dean at Kelly Deiter's Royal Wux Farm in Chestertown. Despite their best efforts, Art Student never got in foal.

"She never got pregnant, so I decided to ask Kim Clark of Leighton Farm to help me place her in a safe place," said Deiter. "Don owned her for about 1½ years. Kim Clark did a wonderful job; she is my go-to person. Art Student was such a nice mare and deserved a good retirement."

At about that same time, Virginian Anna Purdy was looking for an older mare to turn out with her young horses. Purdy had grown up showing hunters and had decided that she wanted to improve her flatwork. She went to Lee Ann Smith's Paradigm Farm in Warrenton, Va., where she met trainer Susan Cooney.

"Susan Cooney was my connection to racing," Purdy said. "I loved watching all the babies foaled there. So it's interesting that I went to a Thoroughbred farm to take dressage lessons on an Arabian mare and ended up involved in racing."

Cooney recommended Purdy contact Clark.

"I started telling Kim what I wanted," Purdy said. "I had two babies turned out and I really just wanted some age to the field. I rent a barn about 15 minutes from my house and thought it would be good to have a nurturing presence in the field. I have two little girls too, and I told Kim that I didn't care if the horse was ewe-necked and moved like an eggbeater. I just wanted something really kind and quiet

that would be great to the babies and be something my kids could brush. If they could ride around on her bareback that was a bonus."

Clark had the perfect horse in mind. She immediately put Purdy in touch with Deiter.

"So I literally called Kelly, and the next day the mare stepped off the trailer," Purdy said. "And when she did, my heart almost stopped. She's gorgeous. She's almost white, she's just really well put together and so beautiful. She's turned out to be one of my favorite horses that I've ever had. She's amazing."

Art Student, whose barn name had long been Artie, was re-christened Isla by Purdy.

"It suited her," she said.

The mare adjusted seamlessly to life with Purdy's two youngsters, a German riding pony and a Warmblood gelding produced from the mare whom she had shown for years. Purdy's two young daughters took to Isla immediately,

grooming and caring for her and leading her around the field. And after observing the mare's serene demeanor, Purdy decided to climb aboard one day.

"To my knowledge, I don't think she's been ridden since she was in training as a 3-year-old. I backed her when I got her—just started sitting on her and walking around. She's just so gentle, you can tell she's always been treated very well. She's so trusting. I got on her and I don't even think I had a bridle on her," said Purdy. "It might sound silly to do, but if you knew her you'd understand. It's one of those things where I feel like we have this great connection. My kids just climb around her and brush her, and she's so aware and so careful of where their little bodies are.

"She's so patient, she has this amazing maternal calm instinct. But she's still very much a mare. She has an opinion, but the way she expresses herself is so gentle and gracious. We're just so in love with her."

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One of a kind, Timonium ready for another sale

The snack-bar at the Timonium sales pavilion would make good material for a comedian, or some sort of social experiment. Where else would a guy buy a \$10 lunch on a plastic plate minutes after spending \$1.5 million on a horse?

Mark Casse had his money out last year before someone from Fasig-Tipton stepped in and picked up the trainer's tab. The moment was pure Timonium, and made me laugh. For the record, I was standing behind Casse and paid for my own chicken salad sandwich (the crabcake is a little too filling to get much work done afterward) but I walked away wondering about it all.

The 2-year-old sale each May used to be a quaint, little marketplace for regional horses. Raised on area farms, they were shipped to Maryland's Timonium Fairgrounds and sold. The under-tack show was just that, an under-tack show, where horses galloped sometimes two and three abreast on the tight, bull-ring track.

Back then, breeders had to be talked into giving the concept a try.

First, they probably didn't want to sell. Second, they probably didn't know anyone

wanted to buy. Third, they probably didn't think they could get their horses ready.

And now? Everything is different.

Horses ship in from Florida and South Carolina mainly, though there are a few prepped in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. They're purchased with Timonium in mind, pointed for the sale months in advance. The sale is a key spot on the national schedule for the Kentucky-based Fasig-Tipton Company. Organized by Maryland's Midlantic office, the sale will include some 600 horses this year. Each will work out on the 5-furlong track with published 1- and 2-furlong times and heavily scrutinized gallop-outs. A fifth of a second one way or the other can mean dozens of showings and hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Buyers sitting in the seats, leaning along the pavilion's half-wall in the back, hanging out in the back ring, wandering the barn area and racetrack or calling on the phone study every last detail—pedigrees, veterinarian reports, mental profiles, those workouts and oh yes, even the horses themselves.

Those buyers have agents, advisors, veterinarians, researchers, technicians of one form or another. They rely on habits, superstitions, gut feelings and any other variable to make their choices.

Those buyers also form a literal who's who of racing. Casse bought the sale-topper last year, a few days after Classic Empire finished second in the Preakness Stakes-G1 a few miles down the Jones Falls Expressway at Pimlico. The purchase, a colt named Curlin's Honor, won two of his first three starts for Casse's clients John Oxley and Breeze Easy.

In 2016, J.J. Crupi spent \$825,000 on a colt by new stallion Friesan Fire and wound up with rising star Army Mule, an undefeated Grade 1 winner, for St. Elias Stable.

Keep pulling dusty catalogs off shelves and you'll see Afleet Alex, Informed Decision, Fourstar Crook, Dortmund, Bayern, Smoke Glacken, Xtra Heat and others famous and a little less famous.

The best part about Timonium? It's still Timonium. Somehow, that charm of the 1970s when the sale began remains—despite the fast workouts, the thick catalog, the high-impact names in attendance, the sheer economics of it all.

In the summer, this place where people spend millions on horses will hold contests to determine the best quilt, crochet project, baked good, dairy goat and Christmas tree in the state as part of the Maryland State Fair. There used to be a real-live side show, complete with world's largest cow and the headless woman (ask trainer Holly Robinson about it). There are carnival rides, corn dogs, funnel cake, fortune tellers and all the rest. Come back in August. You'll love it.

And every once in a while, the sale takes on the spirit of the fair with a little magic of its own.

In autumn 2015, sales groom Errol "Fish" Wilson told Dave Scanlon to buy Army Mule as a yearling. Scanlon spent \$35,000, in part because Wilson said "Boss, I have a horse for you," then watched the big bay bring \$825,000 six months later. Wilson was there and loved it. He died in December 2016 and never saw Army Mule run. But boy was he right.

Last year, Susan Montanye's SBM Training and Sales sold a Tiz Wonderful filly for \$80,000, about average for the sale but easily the highest in the consignment. Montanye was such a fan that she jumped at the chance to retain a 10-percent interest and wound up in the winner's circle at Saratoga with co-owner Michael Dubb after Lady Ivanka took the Grade 1 Spinaway last summer. Also last year, Cary Frommer brought a colt to Timonium with the unflattering nickname "Snagglennose" for an unfortunate run-in with the handle of a water bucket. Scars and all, he sold for \$110,000 and is a two-time winner named Dig That Mine.

Somewhere in the barn area at Timonium there's another Army Mule or Lady Ivanka, maybe even another Snagglennose.

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Why Timonium?

Mix of factors push May sale to new heights

By Joe Clancy

Why Timonium? Hey, it's a question. Especially when you start to think about most of the other venues for North America's public Thoroughbred auctions—Lexington, Saratoga, Ocala, Gulfstream Park, Del Mar and so on.

Good old Timonium would not win anyone's glitz and glamour contest, nor would the sales pavilion next to a McDonald's capture the imagination of an equine artist or resident historian. But, there it is—as important a cog in the Thoroughbred sales engine as the Humphrey S. Finney pavilion, Newtown Paddocks or that weathervane atop the Keeneland pavilion. Never is that more evident than in May, when the 2-year-olds arrive. Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic sale runs May 21-22, with public workouts May 15-17. The catalog includes 600 horses, up 25 over last year and pretty much the maximum for the barn area and racetrack.

The full house is one more indicator of the sale's success.

“Success in the sales ring and success on the racetrack go hand-in-hand and people have learned they can bring a very, very, very nice horse to the Timonium sale and get rewarded for it,” said Boyd Browning Jr., Fasig-Tipton's president and chief executive officer. “Likewise, buyers have discovered that you can go to the Timonium sale and buy a horse that can compete on the highest level anywhere in the world.”

Browning saw Timonium for the first time in 1989, so this marks his 30th year at the Maryland facility.

“The place had worked before and it goes to show you that it's all about the quality of horses at the end of the day,” he said. “It doesn't matter where or how you're selling. If you can put together a good group of horses, buyers will support your sale. And Timonium looks a lot better today than it did 30 years ago in terms of

the sales pavilion, the racetrack, the barn area, everything.”

Including the bottom line. Since 2010, gross revenue from the sale has nearly doubled to \$25.2 million while the average has jumped almost \$30,000 to \$76,476.

Like Browning, consignors head to Timonium with optimism and count on a mix of commerce and comfort in one form or another.

South Carolina-based Cary Frommer considers Timonium something of a home as she used to base a racing stable in the Mid-Atlantic. Now set up in Aiken as a top pinhooker of yearlings to 2-year-olds, Frommer appreciates the Fasig-Tipton crew, knows the racetrack and has loads of contacts in the area.

“It's always been home for me,” she said. “I love buying yearlings at the Timonium sale in the fall and I love selling 2-year-olds there in the spring. It just works.”

Frommer wouldn't come just for the atmosphere, however. Business matters, and she would have found a new venue

long ago if the horses didn't sell well. Her recent returns include an \$800,000 Ghostzapper colt in 2017 and a \$600,000 Medaglia d'Oro colt in 2016.

“It's really gotten strong,” Frommer said of the sale. “It used to be you couldn't take a horse there with too much money in it. Now if you've got a nice horse you paid a lot of money for you can still get a nice profit.”

Florida-based consignor Susan Montanye breezes 2-year-olds for herself and others at the sales, so she knows Timonium's 5-furlong track better than most.

“It is a little tricky,” she said. “You've got to have them set up just right. There's a fine line, but there's a sweet spot on that racetrack, and if you can hit that it's smooth sailing. Because it's a bullring, it's easier to get them to the pole but harder to get them pulled up in time.”

Lead ponies, Montanye said, are a welcome sight for riders. Montanye will get on about 15 horses a day during a typical breeze show, and said the experience helps her as a consignor.

“It's fun,” she said of breezing 2-year-olds at the sales. “You get to sit on a lot of different types of horses from sprinters to two-turn horses, horses that are going to go :10 flat [for a furlong] and others that aren't going to go as fast but that you really like.”

Timonium can be an acquired taste, for horses and humans, Montanye said. Some horses blaze around the tight turns, others have to work a little harder because of their body styles, strides or developmental learning curve. For the people, Timonium means travel expenses—where sales in Florida offer cheaper alternatives for many—but the road trip also brings a chance to see the Preakness, catch up with



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old friends and get some crab cakes at Michael's or The Corner Stable.

Because of its location in the Mid-Atlantic, Timonium delivers another important opportunity—a chance to put your horse in front of a wide variety of buyers.

"I don't necessarily have the big, big pedigrees so marketing these horses in the right place is important," said Montanye, who sold Grade 1 winner Lady Ivanka at last year's sale. "At the end of the day, I love Fasig-Tipton and that's the truth. They're a great sales company, great to work with. They're all for helping in whatever way they possibly can. Having a sales company behind you makes you want to go."

Florida's 2-year-old sales season starts early, with horses prepping at the various farms and training centers. Major buyers get a chance to see horses far in advance of the actual sales, which begin in mid-March. The Ocala Breeders Sales Co. starts it off, then comes Fasig-Tipton's sale at Gulfstream Park in late March. April brings another sale at OBS, Barretts in California, Texas, plus some English and Irish juvenile sales.

Then comes Timonium.

The timing works, for everybody. Later-developing horses get to the May sale on schedule rather than rushed. Others slowed by minor issues—shins, growth spurts, coughs, whatever—over the winter get time to be at their best. The date also seems to bring out a variety of buyers. Top-end players participate in every sale, but others get more involved as the year progresses—whether that's a product of some sort of internal clock, the competition factor or economic necessity is open for debate.

"It's easier to get horses ready for a little bit later sale than the early ones," said Dan Hall, of consignor and buyer Hidden Brook. "That helps, and it seems to me that we found the middle-market horses we had there last year did a little bit better than some other sales. We hope that's the case again, because the middle market can be kind of non-existent at some sales."

Like others, Hall appreciates the mix of buyers at Timonium every year.

"You get a lot of trainers there looking to pick up horses for owners and we're hopeful that's the case again," he said. "Trainers from New York come down, the Mid-Atlantic trainers are there, you get some trainers who stay around because they were at the Preakness."

While Frommer and some others call Timonium something of a home away from home, few people can punch with Randy Miles

when it comes to a relationship with the historic track. Now based in Florida, Miles is from Virginia and was a frequent visitor to Timonium with his father Lenny (also a trainer and consignor). Back “in about 1970,” Miles was in the winner’s circle after one of his father’s 2-year-olds won at the track.

“I’d have been 4 or 5 years old so I go way back,” Miles said. Later, he worked the sales with his father. There were more steady gallops than fast workouts on the track, and nobody really knew how fast the horses went.

“Those were the good old days,” he said with a laugh. “It was different. It is home. That’s where I cut my teeth. I will always have a fond place in my heart for Timonium.”

Miles has been in Florida for about eight years, first with Live Oak Plantation, and now as a consignor. The chance to come back “home” is only part of the reason he puts Timonium on his calendar.

“If you keep selling good horses, people start shopping and we’ve had tons of good horses come out of there,” Miles said of the business side of the sale.



“People feel like the dirt track might give them an advantage at selecting horses. It’s later in the year so you might feel like you know what you’re getting when you look at a horse. The location means there are a lot of trainers there, it’s a combination of things that helps the buyers. A lot of people target that sale now and it’s because of the buyers who are there.”

And the buyers are there because of the horses. Timonium produced its first million-dollar horse in 2015, and responded with another in 2016 and last year’s all-time record of \$1.5 million paid by John Oxley and Breeze Easy for Curlin’s Honor.

“From the buying side, we’ve always been there shopping,” said Hidden Brook’s Hall. “Our 2-year-old consignment deal is relatively new for us, but we’re there because [Timonium] has worked for us as buyers.”

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Slow Down?

Fast times matter at breeze show,
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By Joe Clancy

Big stride, nice eye, great walk, enough pedigree to make people notice . . . so where are all the potential buyers? If history is any indicator, they're a few stalls down the shedrow or in the next barn looking at a horse who worked a fraction of a second faster at the breeze show.

"I know the difference between having a horse work in 10-and-2 and 10-and-1 is twice the traffic at the barn," said consignor Cary Frommer, citing the 1-furlong times for sales workouts. The breezes are typically part of a longer work, 3 furlongs to a half-mile, but the fast part comes at the beginning and gets posted for all to see. As Frommer pointed out, the faster the better in terms of attention and buzz. She always knew that, but didn't get a true sense until she finally had a horse work a furlong in less than 10½ seconds.

"I got my first 10-and-1 and it was like, 'Holy cow,'" she said. "A lot more people came to see that horse."

Like many, on both sides of the sales industry these days, Frommer wonders how fast is too fast and how much weight the stopwatch or digital scoreboard timer should really carry when the other variables impact a horse's potential as much if not more. When she started, 11 seconds was pretty standard. Now, some horses go under 10—though that's not necessarily a guarantee of racetrack success.

"I don't think it's that indicative of talent," said Frommer. "I'm just as happy with 10-and-2. People don't believe it, but it's true. Times are all about education more than anything else. More and more people have learned that it's a matter of educating them to break off fast and keep up their strides and hopefully finish with a decent time."

While slowing down sounds counter-intuitive and probably impossible, Frommer would like to see less emphasis on that

workout time and more on conformation, pedigree, mindset, stride, wind, walk and so on. She's not alone.

In March, consignor Niall Brennan spoke about the topic in the *Thoroughbred Daily News* and sparked plenty of debate. He raised the same issues last August at Saratoga.

Consignor Kip Elser produced five "gallop-only" 2-year-olds for a client at Gulfstream Park in March, and may be on to something. Three sold at the sale, one for \$100,000 to notable agent Dennis O'Neill and another for \$120,000 to Maryland's Caves Farm.

Consignor Randy Miles made the same point as Frommer—speedy workouts attract buyers' attention and therefore produce higher prices. More horses work fast, he said, but more of them do it within themselves too and most would be just as worthy of purchase at slower times.

Hidden Brook's Mark Roberts preps 2-year-olds in Florida for sales and called the emphasis on fast times "a joke," though he understands the conundrum. Buyers and agents can sell fast works to clients. Consignors can generate revenue with horses who work fast.

But what's too fast? When does time stop mattering? How do horses handle it all and what's the impact? No Thoroughbred will run a 10-second furlong in a race, everyone agrees on that tenet. Then why do they do it at the sales?

"What we ask them to do, they'll never do another day in their life," said Roberts. "If a jock worked his horse like that in the

morning—in :21 flat for a quarter or :10 flat for an eighth—they'd fire the jock. I know good horses work fast, but there's a lot of good horses who work in 10-and-2, 10-and-3."

Roberts said that's one good thing about Timonium, the dirt surface and the tight turns keep horses from going too fast. But he cautions any buyer from relying on numbers. Look at a horse he says, talk to the consignor, consider all the variables, not just one.



“So many people, if they don’t look at a breeze sheet can’t buy a horse, but time and time again, a lot of these really good guys—the horses they buy aren’t the fastest works,” Roberts said. “Do they breeze well? Yeah, but they’re not the fastest. A lot of people look for reasons not to buy a horse rather than looking for a reason to buy a horse.”

As any good economics student learns, the market drives behavior and behavior drives the market (or something like that). If buyers look for fast times . . . consignors

try to produce fast times . . . so the times get faster . . . and faster horses attract more buyers . . . so consignors try to produce fast times . . . wash, rinse, repeat.

“It’s not like consignors wake up every day and say, ‘I want to make this horse go as fast as he can today,’” said Roberts. “Consignors get heat for doing it, trust me they don’t want to. But if they don’t do it, agents and owners won’t buy the horse.”

Back in August, Brennan talked about Palace Malice, who brought \$200,000 as

a 2-year-old in April 2012 after being purchased for just \$25,000 as a yearling. The “score” registered with Brennan, but real satisfaction came much later—with the 2013 Belmont Stakes-G1 win, the Jim Dandy-G2, the Met Mile-G1 as a 4-year-old, the budding stallion career. All the pride came later with Palace Malice, and (as Brennan puts it) that’s how the Thoroughbred business should work.

“The game is funny, there’s some crazy money out there for what appears to be



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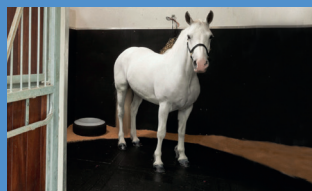
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really good, but at the end of the day, you sell one for a lot of money you feel pressure," he said. "It's great for your partnership, but it's about results. It's about developing good horses and having good horses. For me, that's the most satisfying part about working with young horses—seeing them go on and do something. Selling one for a lot of money is one thing, but they don't all sell for a lot of money because they aren't all just super perfect at the right time no matter what sale they're at."

Brennan thinks buyers rely too much on workout times, but also knows it's the way of the world. Stallions are advertised with speed figures. Trainers make like handicappers and consult numbers when making claims, or comparing horses in the same race.

"There's a lot of technology out there and people giving out lists and videos and gallop-out things, but we're getting so far ahead of ourselves," Brennan said. "At the end of the day a horse is a horse. What people don't factor in is, how are they developed? How did they get to that point? And where are they going? To make them go as fast as they can possibly go on their heads, for a furlong, has got nothing to do with what they're going to be like as racehorses."

Of course, a Brennan-prepped filly worked a furlong in 10 seconds flat at Gulfstream in March and was the co-sales-topper at \$1.2 million—though the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro and the stakes-placed Mi Vida would have attracted interest even if she walked a furlong.

"It's a genie we can't put back in the bottle because it's buyer-driven," Frommer said of the attraction to fast workouts. "You can blame the consignors, but it's 100 percent buyer-driven. Even the people who say the times are crazy line up on the fast times."

If there's a way out of this room, nobody can really find the door just yet. Some suggested that sales companies could stop publishing breeze times, but that's not going to stop others from clocking works. English and Irish breeze-up sales don't post official times, but there are plenty of clockers and more than enough opinions.

While with Adena Springs, Roberts was involved with some 2-year-olds who (like the Elser group) just galloped at a sale. The experiment was designed to show buyers that the horses were progressing and that they could be picked up and trained from that point. They hadn't been set down in workouts yet, but they were getting there. They had value, they had potential. They galloped two or three abreast, a little stronger down the lane, but horses being horses some galloped faster than others.

"We actually had guys clocking them, and coming up and asking us about horses and why their times were different," said Roberts. "We were like, 'What are you doing?'"

Elser's experiment with his Kirkwood Stables consignment at Gulfstream wouldn't work at a later sale like Timonium, as 2-year-olds should be breezing by May and if they're not something is amiss. But it's one available avenue. Elser took it because a client asked about it and committed to the concept.

"I love the idea," Elser said. "Hopefully, we can keep the conversation going. My horses sold adequately, not spectacularly. No regrets. I had no thoughts that if I had breezed them or something, they would have sold better. We said this was what we were going to do ahead of time, and that's what we did."

Elser and his client plan on pursuing the concept again next year, perhaps by investing more on yearlings at the front end but all ideas start somewhere.

"There's a lot of 'Wouldn't it be great ifs,' and 'We shoulds,' out there," he said. "I got positive response out of it and we plan on doing it again. You might make buyers start to look at it differently, but you've got to be careful too. You don't want to stamp them

as they tried to breeze and it didn't work. We declared it very early [horses were purchased under the name Gulfstream Gallop as yearlings in 2017] and I think that's important."

Long term, people say trust the marketplace. There's bound to be a correction. It will take some theoretically slower sale horses turning into productive racehorses, and some trust between buyers and sellers. And time—only in years, not seconds.

"The only way it really changes is if owners start realizing they can buy a nice horse who works 10-and-3 or 10-and-4," said Roberts. "When a guy can sell a horse like that, then maybe we can start getting somewhere. A lot of good horses don't have the fastest breezes, people just need to remember that."

Miles would love to have his horses work slower, but maintain their sales value. He doesn't necessarily hang the success or failure of his sale on a workout, but it matters to his bottom line.

"I'd love to be able to [breeze slower or gallop] and still sell them for the kind

of money we're selling them for," he said. "We've had plenty of discussions, the buyers are clocking us going out three-eighths now, it's becoming more what you can gallop out the three-eighths in than it is what you go that eighth in. We prep them to do that."

Finally, today's fast furlongs might not be as problematic as you might think. Two-year-olds are trained differently than they were and the sales breeze isn't necessarily the only time potential buyers have seen the horses train. Many buyers utilize the 3-furlong gallop-out time (typically 34-35 seconds) as a better indicator than that first, flashy furlong. Plenty of work has been done—by buyer and seller—long before the sale.

"We'll never go back to a gallop or a no-clock system but the nice thing is the horsemen nowadays are so good at what they do that nothing is missed," said Miles. "These horses are taken care of because of the investments that people make. The horsemanship that goes into these horses is second to none. When people say we're

tearing them up, we're not. I used to say the same thing. Horses are well taken care of and if they're not up to the task they get taken out of the sale, moved to a later sale, or sold privately later in the year."

Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning Jr. hears the chatter, but also knows to trust the people who buy and sell at the company's sales.

"The marketplace ultimately determines those factors," he said of the importance of fast workouts versus other variables. "An awful lot of good horses have been sold and some worked very, very fast and some didn't but they looked beautiful doing it. I don't think there's any one formula for success, but I don't think there is any substitute for good horsemanship."

"At the end of the day, good horsemanship prevails and folks who have a lot of success are evaluating more than the time. I feel pretty certain that an eighth-of-a-mile breeze is not a proven predictor of long-term success. There are a lot of other factors that go into it." ★

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Catalog Surfing

Two-year-olds boast plenty of promise in advance of sale

By Joe Clancy

Some 600 horses will fill the stable area at Timonium, Md., for Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's annual sale of 2-year-olds this month. Though some people do manage—somehow—seeing them all is a challenge.

Simply, it's a big group of horses. They were bred in 15 states (one each from Arkansas and Kansas if you're keeping score of the obscure), one Canadian province, plus Ireland and Korea. They represent consignors from Florida, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky. They are by stallions whose names begin with every letter of the alphabet save X and Z.

And if history is any indication, somewhere in all of that are some future standout racehorses.

"The catalog got released online today," said Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning Jr. during a break from inspecting yearlings on a cold day in Kentucky April 16. "There are some serious horses in there. We're very pleased."

Since it was still in digital form, and couldn't really be opened, we clicked on the catalog link and took a look at the horses, who work May 15-17 starting at 8 a.m. and will sell May 21-22 starting at 11 a.m. As you can imagine, there's a little bit of everything in there.

A dose of racing royalty

Hip 567 is a half-brother to superstar stallion Tapit. No, really. The gray colt, consigned by Niall Brennan, is by Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Super Saver and out of the Unbridled mare Tap Your Heels. Bred in Virginia by Heronwood Farm, she won a small stakes at Colonial

Downs in 1998 for Jayeff B Stables and trainer Alan Goldberg before making an impact on the breed. Her son Tapit, who stands for \$300,000, has sired 24 Grade 1 winners and was the leading sire of 2014, 2015 and 2016. Her daughter Home From Oz (by Pulpit) produced Grade 2-winning millionaire Madefromlucky. Back a generation, the family includes champions Rubiano and Summer Bird. You may want to find some partners if you want to bid as her last five offspring to sell brought a combined \$2.87 million.

Hip 162 is a half-brother to recent Grade 1 winner, and two-time Fasig-Tipton Midlantic graduate, Army Mule. Consigned by Scanlon Training and Sales for breeder Hope Hill Farm, the Old Fashioned colt will have plenty of people comparing him to his brother.

Hip 257 is out of Hip Hip, whose dam Praise produced among others major sires Congrats and Flatter in a wildly deep female family including Hero's Honor, Sea Hero, Eastern Echo, Elate and Ironicus.

The daughter of Arch, consigned by Harris Training Center, is named Support.

Hip 436 is a half-brother to major winner Zipessa, whose victories include the First Lady-G1 and Dr. James Penny Memorial-G3. The Cairo Prince colt, consigned by Niall Brennan, counts Perfect Soul (Ire), Flashy Bull and 3-year-old Gronkowski among his female family.

Hip 454 is a full-brother to Preakness-G1 winner Cloud Computing. The son of Maclean's Music, consigned by De Meric Sales, sold for \$190,000 as a yearling last year. His dam Quick Temper has produced four winners and is out of Grade 1 winner Halo America whose pedigree goes back to former Maryland-bred standout T. V. Highlights among others.

Keep digging, and you'll find famous names at every turn of the page—electronic or paper—but that's half the fun of a sale like this. There's depth, quality and potential galore.

For some more insight, we turned to a few consignors.

SBM Training and Sales

Not many consignors ride their horses—or those of others—in sale breezes, but Susan Montanye will be aboard 15 or so breezers a day during the three-day under-tack show at Timonium. Her consignment swells to 15 this year, after producing catalog cover girl Lady Ivanka in 2017. The Spinaway-G1 winner brought \$80,000 and Montanye hopes for even better this year with 2-year-olds by Animal Kingdom,



Consignor Courtney Young preps her 2-year-olds at Pimlico in early April.

Hard Spun, Uncle Mo, Shanghai Bobby, War Front and others.

Hip 116. Uncaptured—Boo Girl colt. The dark bay Florida-bred (a \$27,000 yearling purchase) was slated for an earlier sale, but fit better at Timonium. “He’s not the fastest horse in the world, he’s more of a two-turn horse, but he’s got some speed and a lot of class. I’ve been blessed to sit on some good ones, and that helps you be a good judge.”

Cary Frommer

Based in Aiken, S.C., she’s a regular in Timonium—as a buyer at the yearling sale and as a seller at the 2-year-old sale. Last year, she brought “something like 30” horses to the May sale and told herself “Never again” afterward. This year, it’s a more manageable 17.

“It was not a good experience,” she said of the bigger consignment. “Even if

the horses are doing the job, it’s hard to have that many people and keep everything running smoothly. It’s enough of an all or nothing game anyway and why stack the cards against yourself?”

Like all consignors, she’s reluctant to play favorites but came up with a few to watch.

Hip 221. Violence—Fear This filly. Purchased at Saratoga for \$250,000 last year, the New York-bred got past several growth spurts and heads to Timonium finally looking like a future racehorse. “She’d grow up, then out, then up. She looked swaybacked for a little while, then her rump went way up. We don’t like to train them when they’re doing all that so we’ve been really patient with her and it’s helped.”

Hip 427. Bodemeister—Plum colt. He should look familiar to Marylanders as his stakes-winning dam and her dam Bamba

were bred by JoAnn and David Hayden. The bay didn’t meet his reserve at Ocala in March, but Frommer hopes for a rebound at Timonium. “He’s just grown into a beautiful horse. He didn’t get sold at OBS and I don’t have a clue why. I love him. He’s going to be a legitimate horse.”

Hip 285. Medaglia d’Oro—Joyful Victory filly. This is a bit of full circle for Frommer, who sold this filly’s dam (who went on to become a Grade 1 winner and earner of \$1.2 million for Fox Hill Farms) as a 2-year-old. Those are big shoes to fill, but Frommer likes what she sees so far.

Randy Miles

A Virginia transplant based in Florida, he brings a strong group to Timonium including two colts by Tapit, an Orb colt and a Super Saver filly.

Hip 34. Tapit—Wicked Deed colt. His full-sister Just Wicked won Saratoga’s



BARRY BORNSTEIN

As usual, the Aiken Training Track was busy with 2-year-olds prepping for Timonium and other sales.

Adirondack-G2 in 2015 for owner/breeder Winchell Thoroughbreds and another full-sister placed in a Grade 3. “He’s just very professional, does everything the right way and is pretty pushbutton. He has tons of manners. He came in that way, which is so important with some horses. People will always look at a Tapit. I’ve sold quite a few and there’s something about the good ones. Hopefully, he attracts the kind of attention I think he will.”

Hip 33. Munnings—Who’s in Love colt. He might have to contend for attention with his more ballyhooed stablemate one hip later, but the Maryland-bred makes Miles think of the future. “I don’t have a lot of money in him, we paid just \$3,000 for him but he’s a nice horse and he’s got a great family a lot of people will recognize [including Who’s in Town, Who Did It and Run, Giant Run and Hangover Kid]. He’s precocious and has really grown up too, just a cool horse. He’ll be fun.”

C and C Stables

Consignor Courtney Young worked for Frommer and Eddie Woods before diving into the sales game herself. Her first consignment here last year resulted in three sales and another sold privately after winning a race late last year. Based in Maryland, with stalls at Pimlico, Young brings five horses this year, while continuing to build her business. The 443 area code might shock the Floridians in the catalog, but it works for Young.

“I hope to be Eddie Woods or Cary Frommer someday, but I’m content to start off small and every year try to increase the quality we buy and see what the results

are,” she said. “I love Maryland. Having Pimlico is an extra step up. They’ve all done gate work and have been to the racetrack. If Timonium is your target, you can take your time with them and be ready to go in May.”

Hip 440. Bellamy Road—Princess Legacy filly. The Pennsylvania-bred half-sister to stakes winner Miss d’Oro had Young at hello. “When I saw her as a yearling I was like, ‘I want you if I can afford you,’ and got her for \$23,000. She’s not flashy but has this je ne sais quoi about her. She’s very forward, looks the part, has a great attitude. Training, she’s like, ‘Let’s go.’ Before and after, she’s quiet and calm.”

Hip 387. Tritap—My Rib filly. The Maryland-bred is a half-sister to multiple regional stakes winner My Magician and from the family of Maryland Million winner Undercover, the graded stakes-placed Vielsalm and others. The gray sold for \$21,000 as a yearling, but Frommer sold her half-sister for \$220,000 as a 2-year-old in 2015 so there’s some potential. “She’s really matured and grown into herself, you can see it coming. This is a good year to see what people are willing to spend on a good Maryland-bred and this will be a good indication on what to spend at next year’s yearling sale.”

Hidden Brook

The Florida-based consignment is 16 strong, with sires such as Into Mischief, Uncle Mo, Curlin, Orb, The Factor, and Mucho Macho Man. Partner Mark Roberts couldn’t pull a few out of the mix for fear of minimizing some others, but did offer some advice for breeders and buyers.

“I’ll give you a horse I think is going to make a really, really good sire—Mucho Macho Man,” he said. “I have one coming to Maryland that didn’t get sold in March [Hip 581, an Oklahoma-bred] and I’ve liked a lot of what I’ve seen at the yearling sales and the 2-year-old sales. She’s a classy filly. He was a stone-cold racehorse. It’s going to be fun to see.”

White Pine Thoroughbreds

His last name might be consonant soup, but you’ll recognize first-time consign-or Justin Wojczynski who ships in with five 2-year-olds from Aiken. Wojczynski works for Frommer, but is also starting an independent venture in White Pine Thoroughbreds. The May squad includes 2-year-olds by Malibu Moon, Central Banker and Kitten’s Joy among others.

Wojczynski and his wife Gemma Freeman, who works at Kentucky’s Stonestreet Farm, are already winners in 2018 as they welcomed daughter Elodie Anne April 11. The horses have a tough act to follow.

“It just seemed like a really good time to, instead of finishing up with Cary, try to do a soft launch with my own stuff,” he said. “It’s our first consignment anywhere.”

Like anyone else in the game, Wojczynski has people to thank—his parents Jim and Sandy, his wife, bloodstock agent Marette Farrell, early partners Charles Campbell and Joe Abernathy and a host of others. Wojczynski grew up in Michigan and got a degree from Michigan State, but headed to a racing career via jobs with Stonestreet, trainer Rusty Arnold and some time in New Zealand.

In 2015, Wojczynski and his partners bought Corporate Queen to pinhook, only to see her not make a sale the following year. Put in training, she won her debut at Laurel Park in January 2017 (a month after Jim Wojczynski died of cancer) and was sold to Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse. She later finished third in the Black-Eyed Susan-G2.

"I admittedly felt slightly cheated that after backing me and believing in me, my

dad missed our first success," said Justin. "I watch that race from time to time and watch those final few jumps. Believe in whichever and whatever you so choose, but each time I watch it, to me he didn't miss it at all."

With a lift from Corporate Queen (and Jim), White Pine Thoroughbreds is off and running—to Timonium.

Hip 402. Noble Mission (GB)—On My Way colt. The Kentucky-bred cost \$39,000

as a yearling in 2017 and is a half-brother to King Zachary, a \$550,000 yearling of 2016 who was sixth in this year's Wood Memorial-G2 for trainer Dale Romans. "He's very professional, a handsome fella who ticks boxes for a sale horse. He's good on the end of a shank, is fast and he's good-training. I was going to sell him in March, but he didn't have a real good breeze like he had when he had been training with me."

The power of Army Mule

By Joe Clancy

Two years ago, a bay colt by a local stallion with one crop on the track stalked the stable area, racetrack and sales ring at Timonium and made people talk. It had little to do with his catalog page, or any other hard data.

He'd sold for \$35,000 as a yearling. His catalog page included some black type, much of it in restricted company and some in Panama and Alberta. That sire Friesan Fire won a Grade 2, had a few decent horses in his first crop but was in Maryland for a reason. But this colt was different. He could have been by Truck out of Oklahoma and turned heads.

"He was just a big, grand horse who had everything in the right places," said J.J. Crupi, who bid all the way to \$825,000 to get the colt for St. Elias Stable. "He just looked like a runner."

Agent Dennis O'Neill told Crupi not to miss the bay colt consigned by Scanlon Training and Sales, Hip 461 of 598. Crupi looked, and kept looking. The Florida-based horseman figured \$300,000 would get the colt.

"I don't know how we ended up giving 800, but I guess he was just that good," Crupi said. Yes he was, eventually.

Named Army Mule, the Pennsylvania-bred went to O'Neill's brother Doug in California as a 2-year-old, but was sidelined by an injury and returned to Crupi in Florida. The colt emerged last April for his debut, in New York with Todd Pletcher, and won by 8½ lengths. Idled again until this year, Army Mule ripped apart an allowance at Gulfstream Park Jan. 31—winning by 7½ lengths. Last month at Aqueduct, he aired again—this time by 6¼—in the Grade 1 Carter Handicap at Aqueduct. Bred by former Mid-Atlantic trainer Jim McGreevy's Hope Hill Farm, the 4-year-old put himself in the best-



Army Mule at the 2016 sale.

horses-of-2018 conversation and made the cover of this year's sales catalog.

Crupi credited two things for at least some of the success—the horse and the patience of owner Vinnie Viola.

"He had some pitfalls along the way, but he got over them," said Crupi. "That owner is a very good owner. He'll let you give a horse all the time he needs. That makes the whole thing a lot easier. You can take your time, be patient, worry about the horse. It really paid off with that horse."

For breeder McGreevy, who sold the horse as a yearling, Army Mule has been a kick even if people do sometimes ask about seller's remorse.

"You had that horse the whole time," go the conversations. "Didn't you know he was going to be a nice horse?"

The answer is no, because nobody knows.

"I like to pride myself on going to the sale and picking out a nice horse," said McGreevy, who helps trainer John Servis do just that. "He was a very solid horse mentally and physically, he had a really good walk, but I never thought he'd turn out like this."

McGreevy and his wife Karen were at Aqueduct for the Carter and loved watching a horse they watched grow up excel on a big stage.

"She has never really been involved with the horses on a big scale and I kind of had to talk her into going," McGreevy said. "It was so awesome to be able to share that with her and see her see it. He is a talented horse and we're proud of him."

McGreevy started his last horse as a trainer in 2014, opting for farm life at Hope Hill near Oxford, Pa. As he put it, he gets up when he wakes up, and walks to work—which involves some broodmares, young horses, bloodstock consulting at the sales, more golf and fewer road trips.

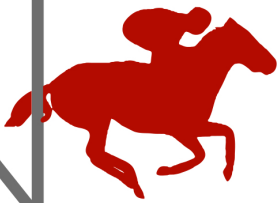
He acquired Army Mule's dam, the Maryland-bred Crafty Toast who raced for Allaire duPont's Bohemia Stable, from Mark Schnelle who was getting out of racing. Crafty Toast's first foal for McGreevy (also by Friesan Fire) sold for \$31,000 as a yearling in 2014. Next came Army Mule, who sold for \$35,000 as a yearling in 2015 via consignor Bill Reightler.

"You would like to think the whole process of ending up with a Grade 1 winner was a grand plan, but... it was not a grand plan," McGreevy said. "It was just a plan. I thought [Crafty Toast] was a nice, solid mare and maybe she could produce a nice, solid foal. I'm a fortunate guy."

McGreevy hung on to Crafty Toast's foal of 2016, a gray Old Fashioned colt, and he'll be at this year's May sale with Scanlon as Hip 162.

"He's a nice, really well-balanced horse," said McGreevy in April. "He's correct, got a good mind. I don't think he needs a really fast breeze to sell well or to let people see him. He just needs a good breeze. We're keeping our fingers crossed."

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by Jessica Martini

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale concluded Tuesday in Timonium with a frenetic session of selling led by a sales record-setting \$1.5-million son of Curlin. The sale topper was one of four to bring over \$700,000 on a day which saw solid bidding throughout all segments of the market. "Obviously, today was a very, very strong session punctuated by some special horses," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. "We had an idea that there could be some fireworks today based on the way the horses previewed and based on the feedback that some of the consignors were getting over the last few days of pre-sale inspections. It's always great to set another record, but given the quality of the horses that were on offer today, we were happy, but I don't think anyone was surprised. Those were a legitimate group of top-quality horses."

During the session, 168 horses sold for \$13,699,500, an average of \$76,476 and a median of \$33,500. For the two days, 330 horses sold for \$25,237,000. The average rose 11.4% to \$76,476 and the median rose 9.4% to \$35,000.

"I think folks left here optimistic about their purchases, whether they were spending \$20,000 or \$200,000 or \$500,000 and up," Browning said. **Cont. p4**

COOLMONT TO CLASH

The breezy GI Preakner Sambucco Coolmont colt's training debut at Oxley, Va. at Coolmont Farm. Awarded the Nill Bobby.

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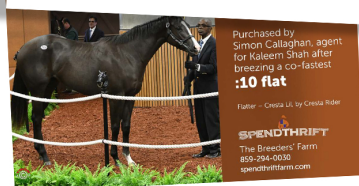
Hip 79 | Tibor Szlavik

by Jessica Martini

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale produced strong results during its opening session in Timonium Monday, with both average and median up from a year ago and the buy-back rate down. A total of 162 juveniles sold for \$11,537,500. The average of \$71,219 was up 4.2% from last year's opening session of the two-day auction, while the median rose 17.6% to \$40,000.

"We always try to match what we did last year or do better," said Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sales Director Paget Bennett. "So to exceed last year was great. But everybody was so excited about the quality of the horses they were bringing. And they know what can sell well here. You bring a good horse, a good horse sells. So we were cautiously optimistic coming in and the results were good."

A filly by Smart Strike brought the day's top price when selling for \$525,000 to Chris Brothers's Xavier Bloodstock, bidding on behalf of a partnership. The juvenile was consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds. The session topper was one of six to sell for \$300,000 or more on the day. That figure was five a year ago, when the session was topped by a \$600,000 Medaglia d'Oro colt. **Cont. p3**



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Consignor Kip Elser leads out Luis Rodriguez on a 2-year-old at the Springdale training center in Camden, S.C.

Kirkwood Stables

Kip Elser grew up in Pennsylvania, and used to gallop horses at Pimlico before class at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Timonium fit in there somewhere, and when he comes back with a consignment for the May sale the place “just feels like home.”

His 2018 string numbers 13, including three for Maryland’s Country Life Farm

plus some with a bit of international flair as they belong to retired French training legend Alec Head and family.

“When they come to see their horses it’s a treat just to talk to Alec and [his wife] Ghislaine,” said Elser. “To have somebody like that come see their horses go out is fun. I like just talking horses with them.”

The Head horses are Hip 483, a Mr. Sidney—Rumpus Room filly named

Goodmorninsunshine, and Hip 574, a Mr. Sidney—Thin Air colt named Old Fort. Elser will also bring two Noble Mission (GB) 2-year-olds and has a Quality Road filly (Hip 450) he called “very fast” from a female family developed by regional breeder Dan Ryan. ★

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# 'Racing lost a good guy'

*Flores made big impact on Parx racetrack, community*

*By Joe Clancy*

As Jose Luis Flores came back from an injury—to his neck, his collarbone, maybe his knee—agent Dave Yannuzzi started a conversation with his jockey.

"Jose, you sure you want to do this?"

Flores had money in the bank, a family, a house in Pennsylvania, rental properties in Florida, a secure position in racing with more than 4,000 wins, a spot in the Parx Racing Hall of Fame and the respect of horsemen in the Mid-Atlantic.

But Flores didn't even hesitate when answering Yannuzzi's question.

"Dave, you don't understand," he told his agent of 15 years. "I love what I do. I love the morning, I love the afternoon, I love the horses."

Flores loved competing, winning, being good at something. And he was good at riding races. The native of Peru rode his first American race in 1987. He won with just two of 98 mounts, but by 1996 he was winning more than 300 races a year. His 380 wins in 1998 were a career high and he dominated at Penn National with riding titles there in 1994 and 1996-98. He moved to Parx in 1999 and led the standings there in 2004 while his horses regularly earned \$2-3 million a year. The mounts didn't come quite as often lately, but Flores was still a dean in the Parx jocks' room, a sought-after choice for trainers, a regular every morning at the track in Bensalem, Pa.

And then he was gone, killed from head and spine injuries suffered when Love Rules fell in the ninth race at Parx March 19. Flores was rushed to Aria-Jefferson Torresdale Hospital in Philadelphia. He survived for three days on life support so his family could say goodbye, but never regained consciousness. An organ donor, Flores died March 22. He was 57.

The memory of that conversation about the future, and others like it, brings little solace to Yannuzzi and anyone who knew Flores—but it's something.

"I never want to say it's OK because somebody died doing what they loved," Yannuzzi said. "That's not right. Nobody wants that. But he loved what he did."

Flores followed his father into the profession, and learned to ride in Peru before spending four years as a jockey in Panama. Flores' first stop in North America was Florida, riding at Gulfstream Park, Hialeah and Calder. He struggled, but moved to Minnesota's Canterbury Park and then Penn National. There he connected with Scott Lake, who was just getting started as a trainer and the duo became a successful combination.

"I was a groom for Bruce Kravets and he came around and we just hung out together," said Lake of their first meeting. "A year later I went out on my own. He was riding for Bruno Bellucci who had a barnful of horses. I had four bad horses

that couldn't outrun you or me. He would get on mine first then ride 15 for Bruno. That's the kind of guy he was."

After building a business at Penn National, Lake moved his operation to Parx and convinced Flores to follow as first-call jockey in 1999. They stayed a team. Of Lake's nearly 6,000 wins as a trainer, Flores was aboard for more than 1,200 of them.

Not bad for a guy who clearly didn't, as the old-timers say, have a clock in his head.

"He never had any idea how fast he was going on a horse, he had no clue," Lake said with a laugh. "He'd get off a horse in the morning and say something about how well he went or how well he didn't go. Then I'd ask him how fast he went and he'd say something that wasn't even close. I used to bust him on that, and we'd laugh."

Flores figured out everything else, however. He knew a good horse when he rode one, and would provide morning feedback to trainers and Yannuzzi to use in the afternoon. You don't get on many superstars at Parx and Penn National, but Flores rode stakes winners Favorite Tale, Discreet Lover, Arlo, Raging Rapids, Il Villano and Eighth Wonder among others. His only graded victory came aboard Loaded Gun in the Philadelphia Park Breeders' Cup-G3 in 1999.

"His strongest point was he might not have been on the best horse but he got



the jump on guys,” said Lake. “He knew what he had and when to make that move, always.”

The first time Flores worked Eighth Wonder for trainer Dee Curry, the jockey gave his agent implicit instructions. “Dave, whatever you do, keep me on this horse.” They won five consecutive races in 2015-16.

Flores rode Favorite Tale in the morning for trainer Lupe Preciado in 2014, and told Yannuzzi something similar. “Dave, he’s crazy but he can run.” Favorite Tale won four of his first five for Flores and recently passed \$1 million in career earnings.

“He was very seldom wrong about horses he rode in the morning,” Yannuzzi said. “He had great hands, he had a great opinion about what to do in a race. He was a great gate rider. He was a really, really, really, really professional rider.”

Flores never made the big time, but won 4,650 races (43rd all-time and more than the likes of Don Brumfield, Richard Migliore and Bill Hartack) with purse earnings of more than \$64 million.

“The bottom line is it’s where you’re riding and who you’re riding and I can’t stress it enough to people,” Yannuzzi said of the difference between top-of-the-game jockeys and others like Flores who build careers at smaller tracks. “Can they ride with the big boys? When they get a big horse they can.”

## More than a jockey

Parx canceled racing the day after Flores’ accident, a decision director of racing Sam Elliott called easy and difficult at the same time. He would have rather raced, he also would have rather seen Flores on horses.

“It was pretty clear on Monday night that he was in some pretty serious danger,” Elliott said. “I came in and talked to [chief operating officer] Joe Wilson and the guys here and we determined that we just wouldn’t race on Tuesday. All the riders were at the hospital, at least 25 or 30 of them. We knew they were rocked. I just thought it best that we not race.”

And it was.



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When racing resumed March 24, Parx held a winner’s circle ceremony in the jockey’s memory. Flores’ wife Joanne and young son Julien—surrounded by family, friends, jockeys and others from the racing community—stood in front of Flores’ boots, helmet and whip.

Many in attendance (including lead ponies) sported black ribbons honoring the fallen member of the racing community.

“The first day back was tough for the riders, tough for everyone,” said Elliott, who recalled a similar feeling at Suffolk Downs when jockey Michael Lapensee died in 2005. “We talked to them before the races, said we just had to go out there

and do this. It had to happen someday and it might as well be that day. I think every rider understands the danger going into it, but it was a very somber day. We had a little service prior to the races and it was powerful.”

When it was clear that a funeral would have overwhelmed a local funeral home, Parx hosted that March 27. Again, Elliott said it was an easy call at a difficult time.

“Probably a thousand people went through,” he said. “It’s a very close-knit group here and it was very, very difficult.”

Like many, Lake lost more than a jockey when Flores died.

“I’m going to miss him,” the trainer said. “Every morning at the barn, you





*Parx Racing honored the life and career of jockey Jose Luis Flores March 24. Top: Dozens attend a winner's circle ceremony before the races. Center: Jockey Frankie Pennington holds Flores' son Julien as Tony Black offers condolences. Bottom: Friends and family remember Flores while standing behind his helmet, boots and whip.*



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know how you see somebody coming in the corner of your eye? I think it's him, but then I remember it's not.

"Somebody dies and people go, 'He was a great guy' and all that, but this is different. You don't hear anybody say anything different. You don't wish anything bad on anybody, but this makes you say, 'Why him?'"

Yannuzzi wonders the same thing. The two met when Flores made the move to Parx from Penn. Jack Servis was his agent then, and Yannuzzi took over when Servis died in 2003.

There are no statistics, but few jockey/agent partnerships last that long. Yannuzzi chalked it up to his rider, a regular on the backside in the mornings, who rode hard for barns big and small, who made sure to stake stable staff after victories, who tacked 116 or 117 pounds forever, who gave a darn.

But who also wasn't above wearing a Minnesota Vikings jacket to morning training on the day of an Eagles-Vikings play-off game—just to get a rise out of people.

"I couldn't say enough about him as a human being," Yannuzzi said. "I never saw

him mean to a horse, never saw him get frustrated. People get sour in this business, it's easy to do that sometimes because it's not easy. He never took it as an obligation. Racing lost a good guy."

Yannuzzi recalled a morning trip to McDonald's on Street Road just outside the track's gate, to get some breakfast for the people in the barn of a recent winner. Flores was supposed to breeze a horse, but they had time. They picked up the food, and were in the car about to head back to the track.

"A guy was on a bike on Street Road," Yannuzzi said. "We were just pulling out and this guy on the bike goes down. He had some kind of seizure or something."

The agent worried about missing a workout. The jockey worried about the guy on the bike. Flores called 911, waited until the ambulance came, made sure everything was OK. He missed the work, but kept the mount.

"He was a decent man," said Yannuzzi, who got a more personal example this winter. His brother Lou was dying of cancer and Flores was a constant source of comfort.

"My brother was sick and I probably missed 50 mornings at the track," said Yannuzzi. Flores didn't complain, kept showing up, kept getting on horses and told his agent one thing—over and over.

"Don't worry, don't worry, don't worry."

Lou Yannuzzi died Feb. 1. Seven weeks later, Flores was gone too. Someday, Dave Yannuzzi might be OK with it.

"Jose was at my brother's memorial and hugging me and telling me how sorry he was," he said. "Now this. It's hard to fathom. It breaks the sheer emotional . . . I don't know what you want to call it, but it's been a hard time. I've never been this sad."

Flores will be remembered for his work ethic, for winning races, for his Parx Hall of Fame plaque on the grandstand's third floor. For Yannuzzi and anyone else who knew the jockey, there's far more.

"He treated everybody like they had a hundred horses and that's something in this business," said the agent. "He never made anybody feel like they were unimportant."

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Flores leaves behind his wife, former jockey Joanne McDaid-Flores, 7-year-old son Julien and grown sons Juan and Junior. Two GoFundMe pages were set up to help the Flores family, including one that can be accessed through the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association website ptha.org. ★





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# Derby Connections

*Thanks to mare Noble Maz,  
Hart enjoys run up to Triple Crown season*

*By Linda Dougherty*

**F**red Hart has never been to the Kentucky Derby-G1. But this year, the retired stockbroker from Long Island, N.Y., will finally get a chance to see the Run for the Roses—and hopefully Noble Indy—in person.

Hart owned and raced the Louisiana Derby-G2 winner's dam, Pennsylvania-bred Noble Maz. She won the Mr. Jenney Handicap and the Mrs. Penny Stakes and earned \$327,340 while racing primarily at Pennsylvania's Parx Racing.

"The trip to the Kentucky Derby was a present from my son on my 80th birthday," said Hart in April. And what a celebration will ensue in the Hart party should Noble Indy cross the finish line first. If the colt runs back to his Louisiana Derby win at Fair Grounds March 24, he's likely to do quite well at Churchill Downs.

Breaking from post two in the field of 10 in the \$1 million prep, Noble Indy tracked longshot Marmello early for John Velazquez before taking a short lead approaching the final turn. With the long Fair Grounds stretch looming, Noble Indy dug down while on the rail when Lone Sailor grabbed a short advantage. In deep stretch, Lone Sailor still had the lead as My Boy Jack rallied on the outside, but Noble Indy battled back and regained the lead in the final strides, winning by a neck in 1:50.28 for the 1½ miles.

The son of Take Charge Indy won for the third time in four starts for trainer Todd Pletcher while padding his earnings to \$691,600 and earning a spot in the Derby field May 5.

Hart loved it. "Noble Indy has a strong heart to come back in the Louisiana Derby the way he did," said Hart.

Smitten with horse racing as a teenager, when he attended the races at old Jamaica Racetrack, Hart decided to own Thoroughbreds as he got older, but raced primarily at Parx Racing, where the day rates were more affordable than those in New York.

In 2007, he attended the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale at Timonium, and was attracted to a bay filly.

"I had never bought a horse at auction before," said Hart. "A filly was in the ring that was about to go under the hammer, and she was by Storm Boot. My trainer Bill McCarthy had trained Storm Boot at Parx, so I jumped in and got her for \$9,000.

"After I signed the ticket, I had a veterinarian look at her and he came back with a long face," recalled Hart. "He said, 'I wish you'd spoken to me before you bid, because she toes in pretty badly.' Well, after she went into training with Bill, that never seemed to be a problem."

Noble Maz began her career with a bang, breaking her maiden in her first start at Parx in April 2009 as a 3-year-old. The following year, she won three races, including the Mrs. Penny at 5 furlongs on the turf. In 2011 she annexed the Mr. Jenney, at 5 furlongs on the main track, as a 5-year-old.

The Mr. Jenney was especially impressive, given that Noble Maz was facing colts and geldings, and speed-popped them right out of the gate. Kendrick Carmouche sent her to the front and she never looked back, setting the pace just off the rail, losing the lead briefly (like her son would do a few years later) in midstretch to a pesky Just Don, and then wrestling her way back to the front at the wire to post a head victory in :57.66.

"Although she toed in really badly, she was a stone runner," recalled McCarthy, who has been training at Parx Racing since 1977. "And five-eighths-of-a-mile on the turf was her game. She'd go out and post fractions of :21 and :44 without even getting out of first gear. Every time you put a bridle on her she'd try her best. Plus, she was a very nice mare to be around in the barn."

Hart said scheduling paid dividends for the mare, who was bred by Dr. Mark Rayburg.

"I always gave her every winter off in South Carolina, and when she started her 6-year-old season it became apparent that she didn't want to race anymore," said Hart. "I talked to a few bloodstock agents and they told me she had no value as a



*Noble Maz returns after winning her first stakes, the 2010 Mrs. Penny, at Parx. Below, her second foal is 2018 Louisiana Derby-G2 winner Noble Indy. Her first foal Noble Nation, below right, born in 2014 at Country Life Farm, will return to her birthplace this spring to be bred to Divining Rod.*



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broodmare. I didn't want to get into breeding, so I put her in a claiming race at Parx."

Risked for \$25,000 on Oct. 13, 2012, Noble Maz got claimed by trainer John Servis on behalf of his Joshtylane Farm and was later retired and sold to WinStar Farm as a broodmare prospect. The powerhouse Kentucky breeding farm sent Noble Maz to its stallion Cal Nation, then standing at Country Life Farm in Maryland. In 2014, she foaled the filly Noble Nation at Country Life and then moved to Kentucky where her next foal was Noble Indy.

"My wife Leslie and I used to go out to WinStar to visit Noble Maz and her colt, and I followed his progress," said Hart. "I wanted to bid on him at the Keeneland September sale, but the bidding was out of my price range."

Consigned for WinStar by Denali Stud, Noble Indy did not meet his reserve at \$45,000 and began his racing career with Pletcher at Gulfstream Park Dec. 3. He won that debut by almost 9 lengths, prompting owner Mike Repole to become a partner with WinStar, and added an allowance at Gulfstream Jan. 11. Next came a third in

the Grade 2 Risen Star at Fair Grounds in February. Pletcher added blinkers for the Louisiana Derby, and his horse delivered.

Hart cheered him every step of the way. Hart said Noble Indy looks a lot like Noble Maz—a bay with similar white markings.

McCarthy agreed, saying, "Noble Maz was a big, strong mare—she looked like a colt. And you can see the resemblance between her and Noble Indy in their heads."

In a sad twist to an otherwise happy tale, Noble Maz died while foaling in 2017. She leaves behind a 2-year-old filly by Revolutionary, who sold last year at Keeneland September for \$10,000 to Valle Las Palmas/J. Zulaica and was a \$110,000 buyback at this year's Barretts April sale.

Hart and his wife and McCarthy helped pay tribute to Noble Maz by presenting the trophy for the Noble Maz Purse at Parx late last summer—putting the game mare in the winner's circle one more time.

And now there's a chance at another chapter. Country Life Farm's general manager Christy Holden said that Noble Nation—a winner at Charles Town last



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fall for owner Helen Marshall and trainer Kieron Magee—will be bred to the farm's freshman stallion Divining Rod this year.

"Noble Maz was the best horse I ever owned," said Hart. "She won two \$100,000 stakes for me, and I never thought I'd even win one."

While in Florida this winter, Hart visited Noble Indy at Pletcher's barn. The owner said he thought it was a good omen that last year's Kentucky Derby winner, Always Dreaming, was only a few stalls away.

Hart will be rooting hard for Noble Indy to win the 144th Derby—and not just because of Noble Maz.

"Before Noble Indy made his first start in December, I got 125-1 on him in the Derby future book," said Hart. "And I have an \$80 ticket." ★



# Exclusive Company

## Everest Stables wins stakes with homebred 3-year-old V. I. P. Code

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Everest Stables homebred V. I. P. Code, the second-longest shot in a field of seven at 35-1, swept to the lead turning for home and powered down the stretch to spring a \$74.40 upset in the \$100,000 Private Terms at Laurel Park March 17.

The 29th running of the Private Terms for 3-year-olds, run at about 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  miles, was the last of five stakes worth a total of \$450,000 in purses highlighting an 11-race St. Patrick's Day program.

Making his third start this year and fifth straight in a stakes, V. I. P. Code earned his first stakes victory after completing the distance in 1:44.62 over a fast main track to win by three-quarters of a length. Forest Fire, who tussled briefly with the winner at the head of the stretch, held on for second by another three-quarters over late-running 61-1 long shot Dynamic Asset.

Multiple stakes-winner Still Having Fun, the 3-5 favorite, made a brief bid to contend in mid-stretch after running last early but wound up fourth.

V. I. P. Code's best stakes finish came when second in the 1-mile Awad on Belmont Park's turf course last fall. He was well-beaten in the 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ -mile Remsen-G2 to cap his juvenile campaign, and was third and fifth, respectively, in Laurel's first two races for sophomores this year, the Frank Whiteley Jan. 27 and Miracle Wood Feb. 17, the latter contested on an off track.

"The credit has to go to the owner, Jeff Nielsen. I didn't want to run the horse today," winning trainer Phil Schoenthal said. "I wanted to run in a grass race and Jeff said, 'No, no, let's give it another shot.'"

It paid off, as the son of City Zip won for the third time in nine starts. Everest Stables bred and raced V. I. P. Code's

stakes-winning dam Oro Blanco, who won three times and placed in the Grade 1 Oak Leaf at Santa Anita in 2008. Her other two foals to race are three-time winner and \$181,098-earner Girls and Guns and seven-time winner Thrill Show.

### OTHER HOLIDAY STAKES ACTION

■ Edward Bruzek's Smokinpaddylassie upset Limited View in the \$100,000 Beyond the Wire Stakes for 3-year-old fillies. Ridden by John Bisono for trainer Eddie Coletti Jr., Smokinpaddylassie hit the wire in 1:38.02 over a fast main track in her first start beyond 6 furlongs. It was 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  lengths back to Limited View, the 9-5 favorite in a field of eight, who held on by a length for second over Mo Shopping.

It was the third win in as many races for Pennsylvania-bred Smokinpaddylassie, who debuted with a maiden triumph last July and didn't run again until a 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length open allowance triumph Feb. 10. Both her previous victories came in front-running fashion at Parx.

■ Stronach Stable's Grade 3-winning sprinter Something Awesome stretched out to 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  miles and made it look easy with a 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length victory in the \$100,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial for 3-year-olds and up.

The homebred son of Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Awesome Again, getting his fourth win in his last five starts, captured the 7-furlong General George-G3 in his previous outing in February.

Something Awesome was alert from his rail post and settled in a stalking position on the inside behind pacesetter Doyouknowsomething through a quarter-mile in :24.42 and a half in :47.97. Jockey Edgar Prado steered the 7-year-old gelding outside leaving the backstretch and assumed the lead without resistance, then pulled away under a hand ride.

Zanotti, the 9-5 favorite who won Aqueduct's Queens County Stakes in late December, overcame a slow start to get up for second, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  lengths ahead of second-choice Discreet Lover.

It was an emotional win for trainer Jose Corrales, who took over the training of Something Awesome last October, coming in front of a multitude of friends and family. Something Awesome had run as far as 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  miles only four times in 22 previous starts, just twice on dirt, finishing third twice.

"He's a pretty nice horse. Edgar rode a very good race," Corrales said. "I'm so



Everest Stables' homebred V. I. P. Code stretches for the finish line in the Private Terms Stakes.





St. Patrick's Day stakes action (clockwise from upper left): Smokinpaddylassie strolled home in the Beyond The Wire; Lewisfield with his first stakes victory in the Not For Love; Anna's Bandit scoring her third in a row in the Conniver; and Something Awesome followed up his Grade 3 General George Stakes victory by taking the Harrison E. Johnson Memorial.

blessed, not only for the horse but I have my mother here with me and that never really happens too much. She's visiting today, and I'm very happy for that."

■ Linda Zang's Maryland homebred Lewisfield briefly gave up the lead nearing the stretch but fought back to outrun multiple stakes winner Struth and hold off late-running It's the Journey in the \$75,000 Not For Love for Maryland-bred/sired 3-year-olds and up by a length.

It was the fifth win from seven starts and first in a stakes for Lewisfield, who ran 6 furlongs in 1:09.13 under Arnaldo Bocachica for trainer Jeff Runco.

The 4-year-old Great Notion gelding found another gear when asked by Bocachica and dug in to edge clear as It's the Journey found his best stride late.

"He's pretty good. He's really coming into himself right now," Runco said. "We had to kind of bounce him out of there a little bit today being down on the inside so I told Arnaldo in the paddock to let him bounce out of there and put him up there close or put him on the lead. He's game, he's always going to give it his all."

■ No Guts No Glory Farm's Anna's Bandit earned her third consecutive victory and first in a stakes, splitting horses approaching the eighth pole and sprinting clear to a 3¾-length triumph in the \$75,000 Conniver for Maryland-bred/sired fillies and mares.

Bred in West Virginia by her trainer John "Jerry" Robb, the daughter of Maryland sire Great Notion ran 7 furlongs in 1:24.77. She Rolls held on for second by a neck in a three-way photo over 6-5 favorite My Magician, who broke a step slow and trailed early before rallying late.

Anna's Bandit broke her maiden first out at 2, in May 2016 at Laurel, and finished third and second, respectively, in the Astoria and Debutante Stakes before being

sidelined. She didn't race again for nearly 15 months until last September but has won four of seven starts since.

"She had a really severe injury and she was off a long time and I kind of babied her all the way back, taking it a step at a time," said Robb. "Hopefully, we keep going." It was the second win on the card for the team of Robb and jockey Xavier Perez, who has been aboard for all three of the filly's recent wins. ★

## March stakes results for Laurel Park

### 3/17 Beyond The Wire (\$100K). 1 mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **SMOKINPADDYLISSIE** (gr./ro.f., Paddy O'Prado—Smoking Kitty, by Macho Uno). B-Richard Simoff (Pa.). O-Edward Bruzek. T-Edward Coletti Jr. J-John Bisano. Time: 1:38.02. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Limited View**. 3rd: **Mo Shopping**.

### 3/17 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial (\$100K). 1½ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **SOMETHING AWESOME** (b.g., 7, Awesome Again—Somethinaboutlaura, by Dance Floor). B-Adena Springs (Ontario). O-Stronach Stables. T-Jose Corrales. J-Edgar S. Prado. Time: 1:50.86. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Zanotti**. 3rd: **Discreet Lover**.

### 3/17 Private Terms (\$100K). abt. 1¼ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **V. I. P. CODE** (ch.c., City Zip—Oro Blanco, by Hold for Gold). B/O-Everest Stables Inc. (Md.). T-Phil Schoenthal. J-Carlos Quinones. Time: 1:44.62. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Forest Fire**. 3rd: **Dynamic Asset**.

### 3/17 Conniver (\$75K). 7 F. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ANNA'S BANDIT** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Great Notion—Oonearmedbandit, by No Armistice). B/T-John Robb (W.Va.). O-No Guts No Glory Farm. J-Xavier Perez. Time: 1:24.77. Margin: 3¾. 2nd: **She Rolls**. 3rd: **My Magician**.

### 3/17 Not For Love (\$75K). 6 F. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **LEWISFIELD** (b.g., 4, Great Notion—Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser). B/O-Linda L. Zang (Md.). T-Jeff C. Runco. J-Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: 1:09.13. Margin: 1. 2nd: **It's the Journey**. 3rd: **Struth**.



# Moving Up

## Claims Mr Brioni, Fancy Is My Name fuel big month for Bush Racing Stable

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

**T**he Bush Racing Stable, run by the father-son duo of David and Bryan Bushey, enjoyed an outstanding March at Penn National, highlighted by a vault to the top of the owners' standings thanks to some horses acquired inexpensively via the claim box.

Through racing of April 5, the stable recorded eight wins from 32 starts (25 percent) with its runners finishing in the top three 56 percent of the time. Two horses that showed marked improvement after being claimed for \$5,000 each were Pennsylvania-breds Mr Brioni, who won all four starts through March 15, and Fancy Is My Name, a winner in allowance company.

Mr Brioni, claimed by Bush Racing and trainer Lester Stickler Jr. Dec. 13 at Penn National out of a race in which the gelding finished sixth, made his first start for his new connections Feb. 1 and reeled off four in a row. In his most recent victory March 15, he was subsequently claimed by trainer Sandee Martin for \$10,000. All told, the son of Jump Start earned \$53,704 for Bush.

Fancy Is My Name was claimed by Bush Racing Nov. 4, and the daughter of Wiseman's Ferry was immediately jumped up to restricted allowance company. She earned back her purchase price with a second Dec. 9, despite getting hit by the gate door when it bounced back after opening.

Three additional allowance starts followed before the 5-year-old mare's victory March 23, in which she bobbled at the break of the 5½-furlong event, recovered and engaged in a long duel with Flattering Ruby before edging away to win by three-quarters and earn \$18,960.

"It's been a really nice start to the year, especially with Mr Brioni," said David Bushey. "And Fancy Is My Name was finally able to put it all together for us. It's a team effort on claims, with myself, my

Dad, and Lester Stickler talking almost daily about potential claims, what we like, what we don't like about them, and then making a decision to drop the slip. It's always nice when you can pay so little [\$5,000] and score a big purse."

Last year the stable finished tied for sixth in the owners' standings at Penn National with 17 wins and earnings of \$357,374.

■ Pennsylvania stallion Weigelia has earned a reputation for siring tough, sound horses who earn their keep year after year. Two—Cash is King and LC Racing's Patty Mac's Girl and Ronald Snider's Built That Way—found the winner's circle in March allowance races.

Patty Mac's Girl, a 3-year-old filly out of the Caveat mare Legal Kat, collected the second win of her career in an allowance for Pennsylvania-breds at 6 furlongs March 9.

After breaking her maiden at Parx Dec. 12, Patty Mac's Girl finished fourth in an Aqueduct allowance Dec. 29, followed by another fourth in a Parx allowance Feb. 10 after breaking slowly, both against open company.

Trainer Butch Reid, who has had much success training the progeny of Weigelia, then shipped the filly to Penn National, where she led at every call to win by 3½ lengths.

Patty Mac's Girl, co-bred by Stephen Quick's St. Omer's Farm and WynOaks Farm, hails from the female family of Kattegat's Pride, one of St. Omer's foundation mares. As a racemare, Kattegat's Pride won 10 stakes, including the Gallorette Handicap-G3, and earned \$511,812. Bred to Spend a Buck, she produced Kattebuck, her only daughter and Patty Mac's Girl's second dam. Kattebuck in turn produced millionaire Silmaril and unraced Legal Kat.

In addition to Patty Mac's Girl, Legal Kat has also produced \$174,617-earner Allen's Kat and \$136,886-earner Lil Gem and five other winners from five starters. Patty Mac's Girl's half-sister Katarica Disco (by Disco Rico) is the dam of three Weigelia runners who have earned more than \$400,000, led by stakes winner Fat Kat and graded stakes-placed Disco Rose.

The 4-year-old gelding Built That Way has made all 12 starts at Penn National, winning four times, including a Pennsylvania-bred allowance at 1 mile and 70 yards March 15. Built That Way's dam Dowhatyourbigsisdo is a full-sister to multiple stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Lexi Star, an earner of \$605,424.

Weigelia, who stands for \$3,500 at WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pa., sports a lifetime average earnings per starter of more than \$77,000.

**NOTES:** Not Fake News gave his pari-mutuel supporters a welcome dose of reality as he lived up to his even-money betting favoritism with a gate-to-wire romp in a maiden special weight March 3. The Kentucky-bred 3-year-old son of Overanalyze made his debut last summer at Saratoga and won at Penn National for Blackjack Stable and trainer Dimitrios Synnefias. . . After some rough winter weather forced the cancellation of 10 cards in the first two months of the year, Penn National missed just one card in March (scrapping the card of March 2 due to inclement conditions). Eric Johnston, the director of racing operations at the Grantville oval, said that, despite the 11 cancellations, overall handle has seen a slight uptick. . . Penn National Gaming took one step closer to completing its proposed takeover of Pinnacle Entertainment, as the Wyomissing-based gaming company received approval March 22 from two state-level regulatory bodies for the transaction. The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and the West Virginia Lottery Commission signed off on the \$2.8 billion deal. The finalized deal will boost Penn National's holdings to 41 properties in 20 jurisdictions throughout North America. ★



# Sweet Song

## Dixie Serenade fuels 2018 success for Hutt, Uptowncharlybrown Stud

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

**B**ob Hutt celebrated a big win by Dixie Serenade in a \$59,560 allowance race March 6 at Parx Racing, a victory for his Fantasy Lane Stable and the Uptowncharlybrown Stud he leads.

Dixie Serenade is the latest promising runner sired by Uptowncharlybrown, a son of Limehouse who stands in Pennsylvania at Glenn Brok's Diamond B Farm. The bay filly, bred by Hutt's Fantasy Lane Stable, has made all but one of her eight starts at Parx Racing, earning \$126,520. Hutt is also the president of Uptowncharlybrown Stud, the owner of the filly out of the Malibu Moon mare Moonlight Serenade.

"Dixie Serenade is yet another sensational Uptowncharlybrown," said Hutt, who indicated stakes races are in her future. "Her preferred racing style is to lag behind the field early, then unleash her powerful late closing kick. Two of Dixie's losses, in which she placed, have been to her undefeated stablemate Smokinpaddylassie, already a stakes winner. So we need to learn whether Dixie is more than just a closing sprinter."

Trained by Eddie Coletti Jr., Dixie Serenade came into the allowance after back-to-back late-running seconds in allowance races Dec. 11 and Feb. 10. She and jockey Mychel Sanchez closed from sixth place of seven after the opening half-mile of her March 6 victory going 6½ furlongs, running down Spanky late to win by a half length.

Dixie Serenade is a full-sister to multiple winner True Sweetheart, from Uptowncharlybrown's first crop. Moonlight Serenade is out of Madame X Ski, a stakes-winning daughter of Polish Numbers and full sister to Grade 1 winner and \$524,710-earner Tenski.

Uptowncharlybrown sired eight winners from 10 starters and career earners of \$603,756 through April 5, resulting in average earnings per starter of \$60,376, all from

a stud fee of \$1,500. His leading earner is stakes-placed Midtowncharlybrown, winner of six of 11 starts and \$173,588.

■ Trainer John Servis enjoyed a productive winter and early spring at Parx, winning 16 of 58 races. He ranked second in the trainers' standings, just two behind Patricia Farro, through April 5. Servis won 26 of 99 starts overall through that same date with earnings of more than \$1.2 million.

Servis' main victories at Parx in March included allowance scores by D. J. Stable's Degrom (a 4-year-old half-brother to Horse of the Year Point Given) March 17 and Main Line Racing Stable's undefeated 3-year-old Smarty Jones colt Midnight Poker March 5.

Stakes winners trained by Servis this year include Ms Locust Point, who captured the Barbara Fritchie Stakes-G2, and Miss Inclusive, winner of the Maryland Racing Media Stakes, both on the Feb. 17 card at Laurel Park, and Jimmy Winkfield Stakes winner A Different Style.

■ Speaking of Servis and Farro, Beamer Stable's 4-year-old gelding Papa Jones has benefitted from both trainers, having started his career in the Servis barn in 2016 for his owner/breeder Pat Chapman, and then being claimed by Farro for \$12,500 out of a winning effort Jan. 23.

He's since finished second while in for a \$25,000 tag Feb. 24 for his new connections, then won an allowance for Pennsylvania-breds March 12. In that 1-mile and 70-yard event, it appeared Papa Jones was backpedaling rather than advancing toward the early leader Dennis' Diamond. At the top of the stretch, under strong handling by Roberto Rosado, Papa Jones summoned a wide rally and charged past that tiring rival late, with Pinatubo also closing for second.

A son of Smarty Jones out of the Con-cern mare Last Toots, Papa Jones is a full-

brother to stakes-placed \$255,100-earner Someday Jones and five-time winner and \$237,595-earner Neshaminy, and a half-brother to seven-time winner and \$259,363-earner Parvenu. The March 12 win boosted his earnings to \$102,370 from 12 starts.

Although Smarty Jones no longer stands in Pennsylvania, having been relocated to Calumet Farm in Kentucky, Chapman still patronizes her champion, who won two-thirds of the Triple Crown in 2004.

"I'm expecting three Smarty Jones foals this spring and will be going back to him with four mares," said Chapman.

Chapman, who races under the stable banner Someday Farm, was the sixth leading breeder in Pennsylvania in 2017, earning \$256,529 in combined breeder and stallion awards.

**NOTES:** Richard Malouf's Brazilian Symphony, a 6-year-old Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Fairbanks, recorded the eighth win of her 40-start career when she triumphed in an open allowance March 17, earning \$38,640. Trainer Scott Lake claimed Brazilian Symphony for \$12,500 out of an 11th-place finish at Parx in mid-November. Her back-to-back wins this year have more than repaid that purchase price as she's earned \$64,930 in 2018... A fire in the women's jockey's room and the resultant water damage caused the cancellation of the March 3 card. In extinguishing the blaze, the cause of which is still unknown, firefighters flooded the jockey's room, causing water damage to the first floor of the grandstand. \*



# Brother Act

## West Virginia-bred twins Mr. Ping, Mr. Pong attract attention in debut

BY TOM LAMARRA



As foals with their dam Washingtonian at Avonwood Farm.



Mr. Ping (right, Jeff Murphy) and Mr. Pong (Amy Chadduck) walk off the track at Middleburg Training Center.

Twins Mr. Ping and Mr. Pong made their racing debuts in the same race at Charles Town April 6.



Mr. Pong (left) leads Mr. Ping across the finish line as they place fifth and sixth in the maiden claimer.

Judging by the response of those connected with twin sons of West Virginia stallion Denis of Cork after the geldings made their career debuts in the same race, the outcome was nowhere near as important as the fact they made it into the starting gate.

Some of those on hand at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races the evening of April 6 attended to see history in the making. It's not uncommon for a Thoroughbred mare to be pregnant with twins, but it is for the mare to carry them to full term. It's even tougher for both to survive, let alone remain healthy enough to be put into training.

But make it to the races and make their first starts in the same race? More than one person at Charles Town said they had never seen it before, and won't see it again.

Mr. Ping and Mr. Pong—the former is two minutes older—are owned and were bred by John P. “Jack” Casey out of the Domestic Dispute mare Washingtonian. Sire Denis of Cork, who finished third in the Kentucky Derby-G1 and second in the Belmont Stakes-G1 in 2008, stands at Taylor Mountain Farm.

The blaze-faced twins were foaled at Avonwood Farm near Charles Town, and it wasn't a surprise that owner Amanda Morro and members of her staff were among those crowded around the paddock as Mr. Ping and Mr. Pong were saddled. The twins have left an impression on those involved in their development.

“[Washingtonian] is a big mare, so there were no real concerns about her having twins,” Morro said. “There were some issues, but they were foaled right on time.”

“The mare had no C-section; she foaled naturally,” said Cindy Tucker Curtis, wife of trainer Larry Curtis. “And the twins had no nurse mare. Both of them had certain issues of course, but they overcame them.”

Mr. Ping and Mr. Pong learned their lessons at the Middleburg Training Center in neighboring Virginia. Jeff Murphy, who rides in steeplechase races, broke the twins. Mr. Pong was a little harder to work with he said. Amy Chadduck worked with Mr. Ping, who Murphy said was the “quiet” one.

“They both trained normally,” Cindy Curtis said. “We didn't do anything different with them. They were very attached to each other—after the six months they were weaned, they still remembered each other.”

Mr. Ping, ridden by Luis Rodriguez, and Mr. Pong, ridden by Guillermo Rodriguez, were both entered for a \$12,500 tag in the



maiden-claiming event for West Virginia-bred 3-year-olds. They broke toward the back in the six-horse field in the 4½-furlong race and gradually made up some ground in the stretch.

Mr. Pong finished fifth and Mr. Ping sixth, 6½ and 7 lengths, respectively, behind the victorious Addi's Guy.

"They both looked a little green," Curtis said. "I think the start cost Mr. Ping a few lengths, but they both did what we asked them to do. They were first-time starters, but they behaved. And they have the pedigree to go longer."

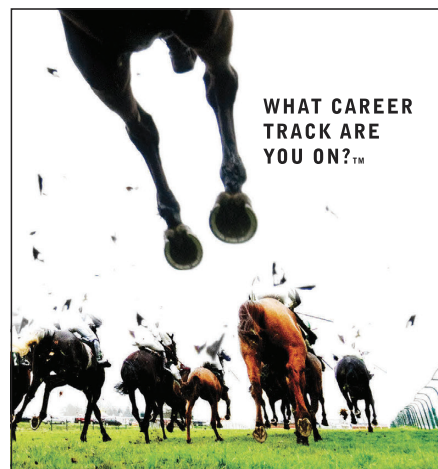
Casey, who was pleased to see them both race, said it was suggested to him to name the twins "Stop" and "Go," but that didn't sit well with him so he opted for "Ping" and "Pong." Eventually "Mr." was added to both names.

"We made a deal with The Jockey Club because this is so rare," Casey said.

If the twins are smaller than the average Thoroughbred, it's hardly noticeable. They've certainly come a long way, as Casey noted Mr. Pong was 70 pounds at birth and Mr. Ping only 25 pounds; their combined weight was a bit less than the average foal at birth.

"Larry Curtis did a phenomenal job training them," Casey said. "They were very attached to each other, so they had to be separated and breeze with other horses. I'm really happy they got here. I'm really very proud of them."

The twins generated media coverage both locally and internationally. The attention was welcomed by officials at Charles Town, which was hit with a rough winter of live racing cancellations, and it came roughly two weeks before the track hosted its lucrative Charles Town Classic program. ✱



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# Runaway Train

## Balance the Budget opens big lead, overpowers field in Gr. 1 Colonial Cup

BY SEAN CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS



Julie Gomena held her hand over her heart as she bounded down the stairs of the Springdale Race Course grandstand. She kept her hand there, like she was tapping a piano key. Robert Bonnie, Gomena's husband, held his phone to his ear, talking a little and listening a lot.

"Mom," Bonnie whispered to a friend.

There was no doubt.

Bonnie's father, Ned, lifelong steeplechase supporter and distinguished racing attorney/leader/regulator, had died March 17, two weeks before the Colonial Cup.

Aptly, his family placed his ashes in a steeplechase trophy from the Hard Scuffle Races, the one won by veteran Buckley Man, and said goodbye. Nine days later, Balance the Budget, owned by Ned and Nina Bonnie's Stonelea Farm, bellowed hello and didn't dare utter goodbye in a high-pressure game of first-one-to-the-finish-line in the \$150,000 Colonial Cup-G1 in Camden, S.C., March 31.

"Oh man, he would have loved that," Bonnie said, walking back to the paddock. "He would have loved that."

Ned Bonnie loved racing, loved steeplechasing, loved his children, hell, he loved Balance the Budget, a heart-on-your-sleeve throwback making his 25th start over hurdles and 46th career start.

Redesigned and rescheduled as the spring's first Grade 1 stakes, the Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup was shortened from  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles to  $2\frac{3}{8}$  miles and moved from November to March, which placed it just on the edge of Balance the Budget's wheelhouse.

"I thought it sounded like a great idea," Gomena said.

Well,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles would have sounded better but the flat, fast course and early date were bugle calls to the 9-year-old Bellamy Road gelding.

The free-running, high-cruising front-runner and his pedal-to-the-metal jockey Mark Watts have managed to win a Grade 2 going  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles and a handicap hurdle going  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles. But a Grade 1 stakes going  $2\frac{3}{8}$ . . . now that would push the envelope to the edge.

*Balance the Budget controls the pace in the Colonial Cup, his fourth consecutive season-opening win.*



The Kentucky-bred launched to an early lead while his rivals allowed it to happen, filing like they were trying not to be called by a teacher. In a matter of strides, Balance the Budget opened 10 lengths, which quickly and effortlessly went to 20, then ballooned to 30. By the time the field passed the stands, Balance the Budget looked to be going the same speed as his five rivals, it was just that he was a furlong closer to the wire. The alacrity early took its toll, but Watts managed to hold Balance the Budget together to stave off slow-to-rise rallies from Zanjabeel (GB) and Schoodic. For anybody rooting for Balance the Budget, the first 2 miles were joyful, the last 2 furlongs were agonizing.

"We assumed they would want us to take it out there, but I was telling Mark, at some point in this race, we're going to have to let this horse take a breather, he's not a true two-and-three-eighths horse, if we can walk out for the first half-mile or just find a breather. . ." Bonnie said. "If it's a mile sprint at the end or a half-mile sprint, we lose. They gave us 10 lengths at the start. Around the turn, I said the real test is going to come, but it never came, they never got to him."

Balance the Budget, a well-traveled flat horse, notched his sixth hurdle win since joining Gomena's barn after being claimed for \$16,000 at Churchill Downs in 2013. His steeplechase career started at Springdale in March 2014. For four consecutive years, he has won his seasonal debut—a stakes at Aiken in 2015, a stakes at Camden in 2016, a handicap at Tryon in 2017 and now the Grade 1 in 2018.

"He's a one-paced wonder but his pace is pretty darn fast," Gomena said. "I was worried about [the distance], I didn't know how it would suit him. We talked to Mark about slowing the pace down but that's not going to happen. It works, what are we supposed to do?"

For Gomena, put her hand to her heart and hope for the best. For Bonnie, talk to his mother and think of his father.

■ Personal Start upset the Carolina Cup, a race before the Colonial Cup. Owned and bred by Maggie Bryant and trained by Richard Valentine, the 7-year-old did it the same way Balance the Budget did, wiring seven rivals over the quick inner loop of the \$75,000 novice stakes.

Breaking out in his 13th career hurdle start, the son of Jump Start jumped



*Personal Start leads a crowd in the Carolina Cup novice stakes.*

with aggression and galloped with resolution to hold off No Wunder (GB) and New Member (Ire), improving his record to 2-for-2 for jockey Barry John Foley. The Irishman met Personal Start last fall, winning a rich allowance race at the International Gold Cup in the same front-running style.

"He's been training great but I woke up in the middle of the night and said, 'If he's fourth, it'll be a good run.' He's shown glimpses that he wants to be a good horse, but mentally he's never got it together, his jumping is good but it was too ballsy in the beginning. Mentally he's matured and that's helped everything," Valentine said. "We thought this was possible because of how well he worked, he can work with anything we have. I'm surprised that he won against those horses, but if you're going to take a shot at a race like this, it's probably better to do it at this time of year."

Bred in Kentucky by Bryant from her Personal Flag mare Personal Doreen, the winner withstood a claim of foul by second-place finisher No Wunder for interference at the second-last.

■ Trainer Ricky Hendriks began the 2018 season with purpose, winning with three of his first 11 starters, including a maiden hurdle at the Carolina Cup meet with Sail Ahoy, a half-brother to Grade 1 winner Point of Entry. Bred and raced on the flat

by the Phipps Stable, the 5-year-old son of Bernardini made three starts in graded company as a 2-year-old in 2015.

■ Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard led the standings with four wins from his first 13 starts, including a one-two finish in the Life's Illusion Stakes for fillies and mares at the Carolina Cup. Pram bested Stalled, both Pennsylvania-bred mares owned and co-bred by Sheppard.

■ The Georgia Steeplechase ran its inaugural meet at the traditional Atlanta Steeplechase course in Kingston, Ga., April 7. The Fields Stable's Barnacle Bill (Ire) won the allowance feature for trainer Elizabeth Voss and jockey Jack Doyle, who led the standings with three wins in the first three weeks.

■ Pennsylvania-bred Able Archer won the feature at the Aiken Steeplechase March 24, scoring by 10½ lengths in a handicap hurdle for Sheppard and KMSN Stable. The son of Eskendereya and the Point Given mare Fareena broke his maiden on the flat at Penn National in 2016 and picked up his second hurdle win.

■ Bullet Train (GB) sired two hurdle winners early in the season, with Change of View at Aiken and Bullet Star at Georgia, both 4-year-olds from the stallion's first crop. The half-brother to superstar Frankel began his stallion career in Kentucky, but was relocated to Ireland in 2017. ■



# Day's Simple Bay

*Virginia-bred Wolverton finds home in show ring after flat, hurdle success*

By Ilana Cramer

Everyone loves a comeback story, but when the story is that of a partnership between a person and an animal the comeback takes on new meaning based on trust, perseverance and sometimes failure. Taking a racehorse off the track is not a simple transition, walls need to be broken and rebuilt. Emily Day and her now 10-year-old gelding Wolverton built their story on trust.

Emily and her husband Jimmy, a trainer based in Virginia, spent \$5,000 to claim Wolverton from trainer Reid Nagle at Colonial Downs in 2012. At that point, the Virginia-bred had won three of 18 starts in a flat career of moderate achievement for breeder C. Oliver Iselin, trainer Ferris Allen and others.

The Days figured they could turn the son of Not For Love into a steeplechaser, and run him on the turf at Colonial too, and took him home to their farm in White Post, Va.

"We did a lot of training in the countryside with him," Emily Day said. "He was a quite nervous horse, so we worked on really getting him to relax and build up his confidence."

For the Days, Wolverton won his hurdle debut at Virginia Fall in October 2012 and scored twice more on the flat at Colonial Downs and Penn National in 2013. Claimed out of the second win, he languished through eight starts with trainers Stephanie and Cody Beattie. His best

finish was a sixth (in a six-horse field) for \$7,500, and he was distanced twice.

"I was really worried about him," Day said about the claim. "We had put a lot of time and effort into getting him to relax and strengthen up, eat better and enjoy his job. He really came around and ran very well both over jumps and on the flat for us. I had a terrible feeling knowing that he was going back to living full time at the track. I lay awake a lot of nights thinking about how he was doing, because he was running badly and running often."

Finally, Day was able to buy back her horse and bring him home in summer 2014. And Wolverton came back to the farm. He ran once more, placing fourth on the flat at Great Meadow that fall.

From 36 starts on the flat and over jumps, Wolverton earned \$111,039. He won six races, and placed in eight others. But a new career beckoned, and Day didn't waste any time.

"We were lucky, the end of his racing career was not marked by a soundness issue, but due to complications from his tie-back surgery," she said. "Compared to some other steeplechase horses that I have retrained, the training curve was not as drastic. Wolverton is a quick learner and a very careful jumper, everything came naturally to him. He is very mindful of his body parts and was that way running over hurdles."

A strong jump and speed are essential for stadium jumpers. Horses can compete in different height divisions all with the same basic standard, the horse that clears the jumps and completes the course the fastest wins. Day trains with Joe Fargis, who won a gold medal at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles with Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Touch of Class. Day said Fargis has been essential to the retraining of Wolverton.

"Wolverton is a real noticer, but it makes him jump up very nicely, because he doesn't want to touch any of the jumps," Day said. "Joe calls him shy, I call him a chicken. He's not the kind of horse that goes in the ring and is very brave."

Fargis said Day and Wolverton make a good team.

"Wolverton is a beautiful horse," Fargis said. "He jumps in perfect form and he's just a generous partner for Emily. He does everything she wants."

After competing in a couple local shows to help develop their partnership, they made their first sanctioned appearance in 2016 at the Lexington Spring Premiere at the Virginia Horse Center. They took home three blue ribbons and placed competitively in several other divisions.

Last year, in what Day called a surprise, Wolverton claimed the prestigious United States Hunter Jumper Association's Zone 3 champion Thoroughbred jumper award.

In competition Wolverton has jumped up to a 1.10 meters or 3-foot-7. Day was working toward a goal of competing at the 1.20 meter level before Wolverton had a serious accident.

As every horse owner knows, unpredictable comes with the territory. While the Days were in Ireland in early January 2018, Wolverton injured his left eye. They aren't sure how or where it happened, but there was significant damage to the retina, enough where the whole eye had to be removed by veterinarians. Wolverton handled the injury better than his owner.

"I think Wolverton did a lot better with losing an eye than I did," said Day in March. "I literally just started riding him again following his surgery. The first day he was a little spooky, but by the second day he was much better. We trotted and cantered him over a couple poles, just to feel him out and he was absolutely perfect."





RICHARD CLAY



ANNA PURDY (2)

Eye injuries force horses to adjust, but are not necessarily career ending—no matter the discipline.

“Horses’ eyes aren’t like human eyes. Human eyes are connected, while in horses, their right eye could be looking backward while their left eye could be looking forward,” said Day. “He doesn’t actually need two eyes to have depth perception. One eye can do all the work.”

Fargis spent the winter in Florida, but was eager to return to his Virginia farm to help continue with Wolverton’s training.

“Emily Day will never give up. She will make it just like it was before Wolverton lost his eye,” Fargis said. “It will be interesting to work with a horse who has lost sight in one eye—I’ve never done that in my life. I know the horse is a very generous, willing creature and loves doing what humans want him to do.”

Day plans to continue showing her horse, a simple bay who turned out to be anything but simple. They share a story and a partnership. The goal is to get back to where they were before the accident, a task that will require consistent work and confidence building.

“Fate has its way in making things concrete,” Day said. “I feel like there is a lesson in this for me, I was really freaked out about it all. Wolverton wasn’t worried about how he looked or how anyone looked at him, he has just continued on with his life.”

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## First-crop arrivals

*The first foal for graded stakes winner Declan's Warrior (top) is a West Virginia-bred filly out of the Prized mare Prized Annuity, a stakes-producing half-sister to Golden Years. Born March 10, the filly was bred by O'Sullivan Farms in Charles Town, also home to her sire. Shamrock Farm, home to graded stakes-winning sprinter Barbados, announced the arrival of his first foal March 22, a colt (bottom left) produced by Quiet Run (by Northern Afleet) at the Woodbine, Md., farm. The first foal from the only crop of Bonita Farm's late sire Norumbega arrived Feb. 17 in Darlington, Md. The filly is out of Go for Gin's daughter Our Gin Mill, a half-sister to stakes winner Move Those Chains.*



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## FIRST WINNERS

### That's Rich

R and R Boy, a 4-year-old gelding from the first crop of West Virginia stallion That's Rich, became his sire's first winner at Charles Town March 30.

Sent out by breeder/owner/trainer Elex Bowman, R and R Boy scored by a neck in the 4½-furlong maiden claimer, the fourth race in a row where he has finished third or better. He is the first winner from four starters for his dam Vino Rosa (by Good and Tough).

Bowman stands That's Rich at Cedar Rock Farm in Kearneysville, W.Va. The 12-year-old son of Chapel Royal was a stakes-placed earner of \$197,675. In 29 starts over five seasons, he won six times in New York and placed third in Belmont Park's Mike Lee Stakes for New York-breds at 7 furlongs.

He is a half-brother to three six-figure earners, led by Prize Taker (\$208,838). Half-sister Psychiatry was stakes-placed and never off the board in four starts. His dam, juvenile winner That's a Take, by Take Me Out, is a full-sister to Pay Attention, a stakes-placed runner of \$510,734.

That's Rich is also from the family of Zuppardo's Love and graded stakes winner Hey Baba Lulu.

### Secret Getaway

Retired New Jersey sire Secret Getaway got his first winner from his only crop when 3-year-old New Jersey-bred filly Getaway's Vow won a 1-mile maiden race at Penn National March 15.

Bred and owned by Joel Weiner's Law Legacy Stables, Getaway's Vow scored by 1¼ lengths while racing for a \$25,000 tag. Trained by Patricia Farro, the filly out of

the winning Broken Vow mare Requested Vow had been second or third in four of her five outings leading up to the win.

Secret Getaway sired four foals of 2015 and last stood at Colonial Farms in Colts Neck for Weiner, but was pensioned due to fertility issues.

The son of Skip Away is a multiple stakes winner and graded stakes-placed earner of \$626,833. Campaigned by Weiner late in his career, the chestnut horse recorded many of his best races in the colors of Carmen Wilson's Sand and Cee Stables while trained by Mike Stidham, whose assistant at the time was Joe Sharp. When Weiner was looking to find a home for his retired stallion, Sharp called to say he'd take him.

Now 13, Secret Getaway is a resident of Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm in Georgetown, Ky.



# STALLION RANKINGS

## Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2018

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.

The following statistics, compiled on April 4, reflect 2018 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

|                                  | Foals | Runners | Starts | Winners | Races Won | Leading Earner                 | Earnings  | %Wnrs./Runners | Avg./Runner | Stakes Winners |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Jump Start (Pa)               | 1,359 | 85      | 228    | 27      | 33        | Startwithsilver (\$105,400)    | \$976,642 | 32             | \$11,490    | 3              |
| 2. Friesan Fire (Md)             | 170   | 54      | 160    | 17      | 20        | Forest Fire (\$81,740)         | 646,256   | 31             | 11,968      | 0              |
| 3. Great Notion (Md)             | 310   | 43      | 91     | 14      | 20        | Lewisfield (\$78,345)          | 548,011   | 33             | 12,744      | 2              |
| 4. Weigelia (Pa)                 | 106   | 21      | 64     | 12      | 15        | Chasing My Halo (\$59,304)     | 449,969   | 57             | 21,427      | 0              |
| 5. Windsor Castle (WV)           | 338   | 52      | 141    | 24      | 25        | William and Mary (\$43,740)    | 416,136   | 46             | 8,003       | 1              |
| 6. Fiber Sonde (WV)              | 207   | 41      | 110    | 19      | 21        | Court Date (\$31,410)          | 389,746   | 46             | 9,506       | 0              |
| 7. Not For Love (deceased)       | 974   | 38      | 117    | 11      | 13        | Love Rules (\$45,300)          | 344,280   | 29             | 9,060       | 0              |
| 8. Fairbanks (pensioned)         | 227   | 29      | 71     | 5       | 6         | One Go All Go (\$138,550)      | 297,778   | 17             | 10,268      | 0              |
| 9. Lord Shanakill (Pa)           | 177   | 42      | 95     | 10      | 10        | Dark Kingdom (\$75,359)        | 279,660   | 24             | 6,659       | 1              |
| 10. Orientate (pensioned)        | 830   | 33      | 84     | 9       | 10        | Align the Numbers (\$64,584)   | 276,720   | 27             | 8,385       | 0              |
| 11. El Padrino (deceased)        | 95    | 16      | 41     | 8       | 8         | Whereshetoldmetogo (\$49,612)  | 244,071   | 50             | 15,254      | 1              |
| 12. Rockport Harbor (deceased)   | 471   | 39      | 98     | 10      | 12        | Memphisinmay (\$26,250)        | 225,506   | 26             | 5,782       | 1              |
| 13. Silver Train (deceased)      | 535   | 37      | 105    | 9       | 12        | Fiftyshadesofbay (\$42,142)    | 225,489   | 24             | 6,094       | 0              |
| 14. Talent Search (Pa)           | 142   | 31      | 76     | 8       | 9         | Captain Riley (\$47,961)       | 224,590   | 26             | 7,245       | 0              |
| 15. Limehouse (WV)               | 442   | 43      | 111    | 4       | 6         | Recount (\$37,120)             | 211,698   | 9              | 4,923       | 0              |
| 16. Petionville (Md)             | 738   | 27      | 72     | 8       | 8         | Graves Island (\$37,310)       | 205,053   | 30             | 7,595       | 0              |
| 17. Charitable Man (deceased)    | 169   | 34      | 82     | 11      | 12        | Charitable Hero (\$17,840)     | 199,739   | 32             | 5,875       | 0              |
| 18. Denis of Cork (WV)           | 123   | 41      | 105    | 10      | 12        | Scottish Denis (\$29,703)      | 196,278   | 24             | 4,787       | 0              |
| 19. Street Magician (Md)         | 125   | 24      | 55     | 5       | 6         | Up Hill Battle (\$31,290)      | 185,834   | 21             | 7,743       | 0              |
| 20. Freedom Child (Md)           | 51    | 12      | 31     | 3       | 3         | Limited View (\$80,000)        | 180,620   | 25             | 15,052      | 1              |
| 21. Crown of Thorns (Pa)         | 49    | 21      | 55     | 3       | 4         | Swagger Jagger (\$66,084)      | 171,280   | 14             | 8,156       | 1              |
| 22. Hey Chub (NJ)                | 37    | 9       | 24     | 4       | 6         | Chubble Maker (\$42,440)       | 146,629   | 44             | 16,292      | 1              |
| 23. Bullsbay (Pa)                | 71    | 12      | 33     | 8       | 8         | A True Gentleman (\$24,433)    | 135,761   | 67             | 11,313      | 0              |
| 24. Redeemed (Md)                | 76    | 20      | 47     | 4       | 4         | Pikachu Princess (\$22,932)    | 122,918   | 20             | 6,146       | 0              |
| 25. Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)       | 27    | 5       | 15     | 4       | 4         | Dixie Serenade (\$51,520)      | 117,857   | 80             | 23,571      | 0              |
| 26. Mr. Sidney (WV)              | 117   | 22      | 62     | 5       | 6         | Mr Satchmo (\$24,190)          | 115,655   | 23             | 5,257       | 0              |
| 27. Rimrod (Pa)                  | 111   | 11      | 31     | 5       | 5         | Checkbouncin Billy (\$39,460)  | 115,530   | 45             | 10,503      | 0              |
| 28. Friend Or Foe (Va)           | 16    | 3       | 7      | 2       | 2         | Mr. Buff (\$40,200)            | 114,050   | 67             | 38,017      | 0              |
| 29. Lion Hearted (deceased)      | 624   | 16      | 42     | 3       | 3         | Tricky Lion (\$26,320)         | 112,602   | 19             | 7,038       | 0              |
| 30. Medallist (Pa)               | 198   | 15      | 35     | 5       | 7         | Rock n' Gold (\$24,080)        | 108,730   | 33             | 7,249       | 0              |
| 31. Defrere (deceased)           | 590   | 8       | 24     | 4       | 4         | Oak Bluffs (\$39,100)          | 104,134   | 50             | 13,017      | 0              |
| 32. Peak Dancer (deceased)       | 91    | 14      | 40     | 5       | 7         | Braxton (\$34,100)             | 102,844   | 36             | 7,346       | 0              |
| 33. Outflanker (Md)              | 554   | 10      | 31     | 2       | 3         | Crouchelli (\$31,691)          | 99,864    | 20             | 9,986       | 0              |
| 34. Andiron (Pa)                 | 45    | 11      | 33     | 4       | 5         | Roxbury N Overton (\$51,610)   | 97,509    | 36             | 8,864       | 0              |
| 35. Swiss Yodeler (pensioned)    | 778   | 26      | 73     | 12      | 13        | Byebye Mr Swiss (\$12,000)     | 95,163    | 46             | 3,660       | 0              |
| 36. Cal Nation (Pa)              | 45    | 12      | 40     | 2       | 3         | Parade of Nations (\$35,466)   | 88,793    | 17             | 7,399       | 0              |
| 37. Despite the Odds (Md)        | 42    | 9       | 23     | 5       | 5         | Port Louis (\$20,982)          | 87,861    | 56             | 9,762       | 0              |
| 38. Got the Last Laugh (Pa)      | 51    | 8       | 18     | 3       | 5         | Laughing Best (\$40,896)       | 86,779    | 38             | 10,847      | 0              |
| 39. During (WV)                  | 205   | 7       | 18     | 4       | 5         | Nellysford (\$33,540)          | 85,369    | 57             | 12,196      | 0              |
| 40. Louis Quatorze (deceased)    | 989   | 9       | 21     | 2       | 2         | Miss Nosy (\$29,510)           | 71,424    | 22             | 7,936       | 0              |
| 41. Activist (Pa)                | 188   | 6       | 21     | 2       | 2         | Golden Promise (\$20,732)      | 63,182    | 33             | 10,530      | 0              |
| 42. Lite the Fuse (pensioned)    | 549   | 8       | 24     | 2       | 2         | Hygh Life (\$27,233)           | 59,012    | 25             | 7,377       | 0              |
| 43. City Sharpster (Pa)          | 63    | 10      | 36     | 3       | 4         | Colirubia (\$9,844)            | 57,943    | 30             | 5,794       | 0              |
| 44. Rock Slide (pensioned)       | 282   | 10      | 27     | 3       | 3         | Punch Nephew (\$19,194)        | 57,533    | 30             | 5,753       | 0              |
| 45. Albert the Great (pensioned) | 407   | 10      | 30     | 2       | 3         | The Great Capr (\$11,330)      | 56,308    | 20             | 5,631       | 0              |
| 46. Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)   | 308   | 11      | 32     | 4       | 4         | Fancy Is My Name (\$22,436)    | 55,104    | 36             | 5,009       | 0              |
| 47. Scipion (Md)                 | 142   | 13      | 34     | 1       | 1         | In Arrears (\$32,526)          | 51,745    | 8              | 3,980       | 0              |
| 48. Gattopardo (WV)              | 25    | 8       | 19     | 3       | 3         | Opera Nite (\$18,320)          | 49,400    | 38             | 6,175       | 0              |
| 49. Admiral Alex (Md)            | 15    | 4       | 9      | 1       | 1         | Admiral Blue (\$46,535)        | 49,384    | 25             | 12,346      | 0              |
| 50. Mad Flatter (deceased)       | 40    | 9       | 21     | 2       | 2         | Flattering Ruby (\$20,300)     | 48,957    | 22             | 5,440       | 0              |
| 51. Nicanor (pensioned)          | 32    | 8       | 15     | 3       | 3         | Lngtermrelationship (\$25,420) | 48,199    | 38             | 6,025       | 0              |
| 52. Cherokee's Boy (Md)          | 104   | 9       | 23     | 1       | 1         | Jah Grace (\$17,182)           | 46,980    | 11             | 5,220       | 0              |
| 53. Garnered (WV)                | 102   | 7       | 17     | 1       | 1         | Risksrhighpayislow (\$17,957)  | 45,392    | 14             | 6,485       | 0              |
| 54. Done Talking (SC)            | 13    | 3       | 9      | 1       | 2         | Queen of Schmooze (\$40,800)   | 44,610    | 33             | 14,870      | 0              |
| 55. Formal Dinner (pensioned)    | 639   | 2       | 6      | 1       | 2         | Formal Class (\$41,892)        | 42,852    | 50             | 21,426      | 0              |
| 56. M Eighty (Md)                | 15    | 2       | 6      | 1       | 2         | Star Eighty (\$40,050)         | 40,845    | 50             | 20,423      | 0              |
| 57. Love of Money (deceased)     | 124   | 9       | 18     | 2       | 2         | Moneybags (\$13,032)           | 40,809    | 22             | 4,534       | 0              |
| 58. Real Estate (WV)             | 44    | 6       | 13     | 2       | 2         | Emblem's Estate (\$15,895)     | 40,322    | 33             | 6,720       | 0              |
| 59. Bop (deceased)               | 192   | 13      | 33     | 3       | 3         | Bebopaleon (\$9,970)           | 38,681    | 23             | 2,975       | 0              |
| 60. Machen (WV)                  | 61    | 9       | 18     | 2       | 3         | Dude Cowboy (\$16,130)         | 37,899    | 22             | 4,211       | 0              |
| 61. Show Tune (Pa)               | 57    | 3       | 8      | 1       | 1         | Wonderfully Tuned (\$28,630)   | 30,930    | 33             | 10,310      | 0              |
| 62. Luftikus (WV)                | 289   | 7       | 16     | 1       | 1         | One Day More (\$19,540)        | 30,514    | 14             | 4,359       | 0              |
| 63. Cuba (Md)                    | 14    | 4       | 9      | 0       | 0         | Love in Excess (\$12,402)      | 30,121    | 0              | 7,530       | 0              |
| 64. Reflect Times (Jpn) (Pa)     | 26    | 7       | 15     | 2       | 2         | You Tell Me (\$13,620)         | 28,893    | 29             | 4,128       | 0              |
| 65. Don Six (NJ)                 | 83    | 5       | 9      | 1       | 1         | Evil Monkey (\$16,260)         | 27,480    | 20             | 5,496       | 0              |



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Stakes winners

|         | starts | 1st   | 2nd   | 3rd   | earnings                     |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| 17      | 6      | 2     | 2 (1) | 1     | \$ 98,688                    |
| 18 (sw) | 3      | 1 (1) | 0     | 1 (1) | 73,000                       |
|         | 9      | 3 (1) | 4 (1) | 2 (1) | \$171,688 (through March 17) |

**2017:** 2nd **Awad S. 2018:** 1st \$100,000 **Private Terms S**, abt. 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., 3-year-olds, Laurel, March 17; 3rd **Frank Whiteley Jr. S.**

Bred and owned by Everest Stables Inc. (Md.); trained by Phil Schoenthal.  
Sire: **CITY ZIP**, ch., 98 (deceased).  
Dam: **ORO BLANCO**, b., 06, bred by Everest Stables Inc. (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$157,202, Island Fashion S, 2nd Serena's Song S, 3rd Oak Leaf S-G1, California Oaks.  
11 Thrill Show, b.f. by Petionville. Raced 3 years, 34 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 4, \$96,324.  
12 Girls and Guns, dk.b./br.f. by Stephen Got Even. Raced 5 years, 29 starts, 3 wins at 4 and 5, \$181,098.  
13 Panama Star, b.f. by Jump Start. Unraced. (Kee Sept 14—\$15,000)  
14 Barren.  
15 **V. I. P. CODE**, ch.c. by City Zip.  
16 Rainbow Valley, b.c. by Sky Mesa. Unraced.  
17 ch.c. by Line of David.

Pennsylvania-bred

COSMIC BURST

Honeybee Stakes-G3

|                                                                                         |                |       |                    |                 |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| \$200,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 3-year-old fillies. Oaklawn Park, March 10. |                |       |                    |                 |                              |
|                                                                                         |                |       | El Prado (Ire)     | Sadler's Wells  |                              |
|                                                                                         | Medaglia d'Oro |       | Cappuccino Bay     | Lady Capulet    |                              |
| Violence                                                                                |                |       | Gone West          | Bailjumper      |                              |
|                                                                                         | Violent Beauty |       | Storming Beauty    | Dubbed In       |                              |
| Cosmic Burst, b.f., 2015                                                                |                |       | Awesome Again      | Mr. Prospector  |                              |
|                                                                                         | Ghostzapper    |       | Baby Zip           | Secrettame      |                              |
| Peggy Ring                                                                              |                |       | Cozzene            | Storm Cat       |                              |
|                                                                                         | Totally Cosmic |       | Be Exclusive (Ire) | Sky Beauty      |                              |
|                                                                                         |                |       |                    | Deputy Minister |                              |
| 17 (sw)                                                                                 | 4              | 3 (1) | 1                  | 0               | earnings                     |
| 18 (sw)                                                                                 | 2              | 1 (1) | 0                  | 1 (1)           | \$134,580                    |
|                                                                                         | 6              | 4 (2) | 1                  | 1 (1)           | 132,500                      |
|                                                                                         |                |       |                    |                 | \$267,080 (through March 10) |

**2017:** 1st \$100,000 **Trapeze S**, 1 mi., 2-year-old fillies, Remington, Dec. 17. **2018:** 1st \$200,000 **Honeybee S-G3**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., 3-year-old fillies, Oaklawn, March 10; 3rd **Martha Washington S**.

Bred by Pewter Stable (Pa.); owned by Norma Lee Stockseth and Todd Dunn; trained by Donnie K. Von Hemel.  
Sire: **VIOLENCE**, dk.b./br., 10, stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, Lexington, Ky.  
Dam: **PEGGY RING**, ch., 08, bred by George Strawbridge (Pa.). Unraced. (FTM Dec 11—\$3,500; FTM Jan 16—\$2,000 in foal to Winchill)  
13 Come On Bert, ch.g. by Roman Ruler. Raced 3 years, 29 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 5, \$56,363. (FTK Oct 14—\$12,000)  
14 Barren.  
15 **COSMIC BURST**, b.f. by Violence. (FTM Jan 16—\$20,000; Kee Sept 16—\$25,000)  
16 b.c. by Winchill. (FTM Jan 17—\$1,000)  
17 ch.c. by Danza. (FTM Dec 17—\$5,000)  
18 Not bred.

PRAM

Life's Illusion Stakes

|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 |                  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|--|
| \$40,000-guaranteed, 2 mi. over National Fences, fillies and mares, 4 & up. Camden, March 31. |                       |  |                 |                  |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  | A.P. Indy       | Seattle Slew     |  |
|                                                                                               | Pulpit                |  | Preach          | Weekend Surprise |  |
| Stroll                                                                                        |                       |  | Prince Sabo     | Mr. Prospector   |  |
|                                                                                               | Maid for Walking (GB) |  | Stinging Nettle | Narrate          |  |
| Pram, dk.b./br.m., 2011                                                                       |                       |  | Northern Dancer | Young Generation |  |
|                                                                                               | Northern Baby         |  | Two Rings       | Jubilee Song     |  |
|                                                                                               | My Papoose            |  | Gallant Romeo   | Sharpen Up (GB)  |  |
|                                                                                               | Sultress              |  | Martie's Mad    | Nettlebed        |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | Nearctic         |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | Natalma          |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | Round Table      |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | Allofthem        |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | *Gallant Man     |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | Juliet's Nurse   |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | Martins Rullah   |  |
|                                                                                               |                       |  |                 | Wig Craze        |  |

|         | starts  | 1st   | 2nd | 3rd | earnings                    |
|---------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| 13      | unraced |       |     |     |                             |
| 14      | 3       | 0     | 0   | 0   | \$ 4,121                    |
| 15      | 6       | 1     | 0   | 1   | 24,363                      |
| 16      | 2       | 1     | 0   | 1   | 14,640                      |
| 17      | unraced |       |     |     |                             |
| 18 (sw) | 1       | 1 (1) | 0   | 0   | 24,000                      |
|         | *12     | 3 (1) | 0   | 2   | \$67,124 (through March 31) |

\*Includes NSA sanctioned starts  
**2018:** 1st \$40,000 **Life's Illusion S**, 2 mi. over National Fences, fillies and mares, 4 & up, Camden, March 31.

Bred by Jonathan Sheppard and William L. Pape (Pa.); owned and trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard.  
Sire: **STROLL**, dk.b./br., 00, stands at Iowa State University Horse Farm, Ames, Iowa.  
Dam: **MY PAPOOSE**, b., 93, bred by William L. Pape and Jonathan E. Sheppard (Pa.). Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$48,930, White Rose S, 3rd Lady Baltimore S. (FTM Dec 05—\$3,700 in foal to Mr. Sinatra)  
99 Slipped.  
00 Foal born dead.  
01 Teepee Tot, b.f. by Waquoit. Raced 3 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 4 and 5, \$42,170. Dam of **Wigwam Baby** (4 wins, \$111,959 to 7, 2018, 2nd Mrs. Ogden Phipps S, 3rd Peapack Hurdle S).  
02 **Baby League**, b.g. by Diamond. Raced 5 years, 26 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 5, \$178,620, 2nd Foxbrook Supreme Hurdle S, Jonathan Kiser Novice S, 3rd Palm Beach Hurdle S.  
04 Foal born dead.  
05 Not bred.  
06 My Way Kid, dk.b./br.c. by Mr. Sinatra. Unraced.  
07 Tracking, dk.b./br.g. by Syncline. Raced 2 years, 2 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, \$2,500.  
08 c. by Dance With Ravens. Died 2008.  
09 Barren.  
10 Sally Brown, dk.b./br.f. by Pleasant Tap. Raced 2 years, 6 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, \$16,079.  
11 **PRAM**, dk.b./br.f. by Stroll.  
13 Barren.

SMOKINPADDYLASSIE

Beyond The Wire Stakes

|                                                                         |                |       |                |                |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| \$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, March 17. |                |       |                |                |                              |
|                                                                         |                |       | El Prado (Ire) | Sadler's Wells | Northern Dancer              |
|                                                                         | Paddy O'Prado  |       | Lady Capulet   |                | Fairy Bridge                 |
|                                                                         | Fun House      |       | Prized         |                | Sir Ivor                     |
| Smokinpaddylassie, gr./ro.f., 2015                                      |                |       | Bistra         |                | Cap and Bells                |
|                                                                         |                |       | Holy Bull      |                | Kris S.                      |
|                                                                         | Macho Uno      |       | Primal Force   |                | My Turbulent Miss            |
| Smoking Kitty                                                           |                |       | Storm Cat      |                | Classic Go Go                |
|                                                                         | Number One Cat |       | Vivid Angel    |                | Carols Christmas             |
|                                                                         |                |       |                |                | Great Above                  |
| 17                                                                      | 1              | 1     | 0              | 0              | earnings                     |
| 18 (sw)                                                                 | 2              | 2 (1) | 0              | 0              | \$ 38,640                    |
|                                                                         | 3              | 3 (1) | 0              | 0              | 98,640                       |
|                                                                         |                |       |                |                | \$137,280 (through March 17) |

**2018:** 1st \$100,000 **Beyond The Wire S**, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, March 17.  
Bred by Richard Simoff (Pa.); owned by Edward Bruzek; trained by Edward J. Coletti Jr.  
Sire: **PADDY O'PRADO**, gr./ro., 07, stands at Evicmen Harasi, Kemalpaşa, Turkey.  
Dam: **SMOKING KITTY**, gr./ro., 06, bred by Adena Springs (Fla.). Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 3, \$20,334. (Adena Spr March 08—\$105,000; Kee Jan 15—\$6,000 in foal to Friesan Fire)  
11 Krazy Kitty, dk.b./br.f. by Valid Expectations. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 2, \$13,228. (FTT Aug 12—\$17,000)  
12 dk.b./br.f. by Warrior's Reward. (Kee Sept 13—\$15,000)  
13 Barren.  
14 Expections High, gr./ro.f. by Valid Expectations. Raced 3 years, 12 starts, 1 win at 3, \$21,045. (TTA April 16—\$10,500)  
15 **SMOKINPADDYLASSIE**, gr./ro.f. by Paddy O'Prado.  
16 Billy Youre Fired, b.c. by Friesan Fire. Unraced.

West Virginia-bred

ANNA'S BANDIT

Conniver Stakes

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BC nom.

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STRIKE**

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## XIXIXI

Maimonides—Littleprincesemma, Yankee Gentleman Half-brother to Triple Crown winner **AMERICAN PHAROAH**. Son of Maimonides, G1 Hopeful S-placed by champion **VINDICATION** and half-brother to leading sires **ROMAN RULER** and **EL CORREDOR**.

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\$2,500 PA foaling mares



## TAKEN BY THE STORM

Stormy Atlantic—Paint Brush, Broad Brush Allowance-winning son of champion-siring **STORMY ATLANTIC**, sire of sires **GET STORMY**, **LEONNATUS ANTEAS**, etc. Fourth dam is foundation mare **LASSIE DEAR**, granddam of the incomparable **A.P. INDY**.

\$1,500 LFSN



Stakes-  
siring son of  
**A.P. INDY**

## ANDIRON

A.P. Indy—Zigmember, Danzig

BC nom.

Sire of **ROXBURY N OVERTON** (\$475,794), **A HI FIVE**, **Busy Busy Busy** (\$106,592), etc. Saratoga allowance winner by sire of sires. Half to G1 **THE CLIFF'S EDGE** from a solid family that includes G1 **COMEDY ACT**.

\$2,000 LFSN

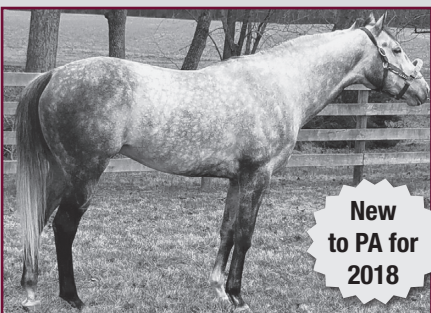


## SOUTHERN SUCCESS

Dixieland Band—My Success, A.P. Indy

Stakes winner from the immediate family of G1 millionaires **AFFIRMED SUCCESS** and **EXBOURNE**. Sire of **R FROSTY ONE** (\$271,869), Golden Success (\$277,856), Southern Kisses (\$137,237) and 23 additional winners.

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## UNFETTERED

BC nom.

Rockport Harbor—New York Jessica, by Phone Trick

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## Stakes winners

|                                                   |                    |                  |
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| Elusive Quality                                   | Gone West          | Mr. Prospector   |
| Great Notion                                      | Touch of Greatness | Secrettame       |
| Evening Primrose                                  | Dayjur             | Hero's Honor     |
| <b>Anna's Bandit</b> , dk.b./br.f., 2014          | Water Lily (Fr)    | Ivory Wand       |
| No Armistice                                      | Unbridled          | Danzig           |
| Onearmedbandit                                    | Ataentsic          | Gold Beauty      |
| Court Tour                                        | Polish Numbers     | Riverman         |
|                                                   | Sum Secret         | First Bloom      |
|                                                   |                    | Fappiano         |
|                                                   |                    | Gana Facil       |
|                                                   |                    | Hold Your Peace  |
|                                                   |                    | Mythographer     |
|                                                   |                    | Danzig           |
|                                                   |                    | Numbered Account |
|                                                   |                    | Devil's Bag      |
|                                                   |                    | Tell Me Sumthing |
| 16 starts 1st 2nd 3rd earnings                    |                    |                  |
| 17 3 1 1 (1) 1 (1) \$ 61,800                      |                    |                  |
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| 10 5 (1) 2 (1) 1 (1) \$189,780 (through March 17) |                    |                  |

**2016:** 2nd Debutante S; 3rd Astoria S. **2018:** 1st \$75,000 Conniver S, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, March 17.

Bred and trained by John J. Robb (W.Va.); owned by No Guts No Glory Farm.

Sire: **GREAT NOTION**, b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: **ONEARMEDBANDIT**, b., 06, bred by David Daniel (Md.). Raced 5 years, 22 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 6, \$304,878, Miss Shenandoah S, 2nd Lady Charles Town S, Inaugural S, Femme Fatale S, Hookedonthefeelin S, 3rd Jameela S. (FTM Sept 07—\$13,500)

14 **ANNA'S BANDIT**, dk.b./br.f. by Great Notion.

15 Gracies Bandit, dk.b./br.f. by Daring. Raced 2 years, 3 starts, 1 win at 3, \$15,208.

16 Bandits Glory, dk.b./br.c. by Great Notion. Unraced.

17 Slipped.

18 c. by Great Notion.



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## Efficiency, peace lead to a productive legislative session

BY TOM LAMARRA

**L**obbying for and protecting your interests in state legislatures doesn't always come down to a win-or-lose situation. Bills can fail during one session only to pass in the next one, and bills that are 3-5 on the tote board to sail through a legislative body somehow fail to finish the race.

From the racing industry's standpoint, the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session was extremely successful on several fronts, in large part because of unanimity within the industry itself. It never hurts when representatives of five or six organizations that sometimes have disparate interests show up to testify uniformly against or for a bill.

Two pieces of legislation passed both houses of the General Assembly unanimously, one dealing with the Interstate Anti-Doping and Drug-Testing Standards Compact and the other with the Maryland Jockey Injury Compensation Fund. As of this writing they were awaiting the signature of Gov. Larry Hogan.

Passage of the compact legislation was a very important step for at least the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions. With Maryland the offeror of the compact—it's designed to facilitate simultaneous adoption of model rules previously approved by each state—it will take only one other state to pass the legislation for the compact to be activated; four others are currently working on having the bill introduced in their respective legislatures this year.

The Jockey Injury Compensation Fund bill is only a few pages but it contains a key language change that, as of Oct. 1, 2018, will cover most jockeys for injuries sustained during training hours at racetracks and training facilities that fall under the Maryland Racing Commission's jurisdiction. This will alleviate delays in treatment and receipt of compensation.

Neither bill could be considered controversial, which certainly helps in passage. But given the fact the typical state legislature deals with hundreds of higher-profile bills during a session, it's a credit to those who lobby for the industry that lawmakers were engaged enough to not only consider them but act on them.

In neighboring West Virginia, where educating politicians on the economics of horse racing and breeding is a major challenge for the industry, two important bills pushed primarily by horsemen's groups broke on top by many lengths but pulled up midway through the race.

The Senate unanimously passed bills that would authorize advance deposit wagering in the state and restore roughly \$11 million a year in purse money at Thoroughbred and Greyhound tracks that since 2006 has been used to pay down a state workers' compensation debt. The latter had major implications for Charles Town and Mountaineer, where purse money derived from video lottery terminal revenue is less than half what it was 10 years ago.

The bill was sent to the House Finance Committee and never made it to the House floor. The ADW bill, which also had the support of the West Virginia Racing Commission and racetracks, died in the House Judiciary Committee.

It wasn't for lack of effort on the part of those who pushed for passage of the measures. It all came down to politics. But the fact the bills had that much support in the Senate could be a good sign for 2019.

Back in Maryland, there was another positive legislative development that stemmed from the ability to regroup and go in another direction.

In 2017, a bill that would have allowed the racing commission to hire an equine medical director, whose salary would be paid by the racing industry, was withdrawn from consideration at a time when the state was considering having the industry pay all the costs for racing regulation. This year, a similar bill was introduced but quietly withdrawn before it reached the hearing stage.

Behind the scenes, however, proponents continued to pursue options, one of which was finding resources for the Maryland Racing Commission budget to cover the cost of hiring an equine medical director. Thus, the individual would be paid by the state—and arguably be far more independent. Creation of the EMD position—New York, Kentucky and California are among the states with EMDs—has been strongly supported by the MTHA.

As of mid-April, the racing commission anticipated having the funds available to create the position, Executive Director Mike Hopkins said.

Politics has a way of stymying legislative success—even when there is little or no discord within an industry. The climate in the statehouse can change year to year, so education and communication, along with lobbying, are paramount.

But the 10-year agreement signed by Maryland stakeholders in December 2012 has shadowed the progress made in Annapolis, at racetracks, and at breeding farms over the past five-plus years. There haven't been legislative battles over the Purse Dedication Account or statutory revenue splits, and such peace—even if it is at times perceived rather than reality—isn't lost on lawmakers.

There's a lot to be said for picking your spots. 



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## Thoroughbred Career Program set for second installment in 2018

By Sara Gordon

As foaling season produces a new and promising generation of racing stock, the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation hopes to launch a new generation of its own: college students interested in finding careers within the Thoroughbred industry. Since the successful launch of the program last June, organizers spent the beginning of 2018 accepting applications and preparing for the second running of the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program, which will run from June 4-9, this year.

While MHIF prepares for the new class, those who participated in the inaugural running continue to make headway, while taking what they learned from the Maryland industry with them each step of the way.

Reflecting on the experience in the program last summer, here are some highlights from the group:

**Tabitha Gregory**, of Frederick, is finishing her junior year at the University of Maryland College Park, where she continues to pursue a degree in Animal Science. Since her experience in the MTCP, she has become a dedicated member in on-campus organi-



The inaugural MTCP program graduates—Tabitha Gregory, Megan George, Sara Gordon, Katie Brooks, Sidney Boots and John Piassek. Their week included a trip to Sagamore Farm in Baltimore County.

zations such as the Maryland Equestrian Club and Block and Bridle.

Gregory has also assisted with two equine research studies and plans to volunteer for a third this summer, while continuing to work as an assistant at the Maryland 4-H Foundation and as an employee of the UMD Thoroughbred Breeding Program.

Despite a busy schedule in and out of the classroom, Gregory has still managed to keep in touch with the industry by enjoying races and betting at Laurel Park, while also keeping up with breeding

news and following prominent sires and their offspring. Since her experience in 2017, Gregory has greater faith in her future aspirations.

"Participating in this program further solidified my desire to become an equine nutritionist," she said. "It gave me a much greater appreciation for all of the other careers one can have [in it], but reminded me where my true passion lies."

Gregory hopes to gain a year-long internship at Kentucky Equine Research in Versailles, Ky. and afterward, plans to return to Maryland



to pursue a master's degree. She ultimately wants to serve in a position within the industry doing research, consulting, and/or teaching. As for her ideas of how the industry could get the younger generation more involved, she said, "Take them on a tour of the farm, show them your training equipment and explain why you use it, let them watch a horse be worked, etc. It's the things they can see, hear, smell, and experience that outweighs anything they could be taught in a lecture or classroom."

**Sidney Boots**, of Lexington, Ky., is set to graduate from the University of Kentucky this month and is spending her final months abroad student teaching in Australia.

Boots will be receiving her degree in Agricultural Education, with a minor in Agricultural Economics. In addition, she is the Horse Racing Club president, a Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association member, and a Keeneland College Ambassador. Outside of the months she's spent abroad, Boots has remained in her positions for racing and sales at Keeneland, but plans to start looking for a full-time position in the industry once she graduates.

Her experience within the MTCP gave her the confidence she needed to continue to explore the industry. "I got to see Winx race in Australia, and I had to pursue that opportunity on my own. I got to shadow in the racing office at

Keeneland, and I don't know that I would've pursued that chance without already having experienced the racing office in Maryland," she said. In the meantime, as she wades her way into more industry involvement, she maintains contact with MTCP's coordinator and leader, Jordyn Egan, as someone to go to for advice.

Boots also reunited with connections at Country Life Farm at Keeneland sales. Although born and bred in Kentucky, she has a special place in her heart for Maryland and the efforts for getting more young people more involved in the industry, "I have really enjoyed seeing what Maryland has done to attract youth, including youth days at the races and the MTCP itself. I think the Thoroughbred industry in general can do a better job of marketing that they are willing to help young people get involved," she said.

**John Piassek**, of Cranford, N.J., is wrapping up his senior year of college, graduating this spring from Loyola University with a degree in Business Administration, with a Marketing concentration. Outside of class, he remains active within the industry, particularly on the web, as the managing editor of Danonymous Racing, while also running the "This Week at Laurel" Twitter account.

Along with his experience in MTCP last summer, he also worked for the New York Racing Association during the 2017 racing season, as a member of the "Bets Squad." In this position, he helped new customers learn more about horse racing, while answering questions about their experiences. He continues to be a popular name on Twitter, handicapping the races at Laurel Park and sharing his insightful opinions on races and future contenders.

He plans to stay in Maryland if he gets the chance. "I hope to stay involved in the industry in Maryland, as it's one of the fastest-growing states for Thoroughbred racing, and has been putting out a thriving and exciting rac-

ing product over the last few years," he said. His thoughts on the industry as a whole have "changed for the better," through his experience of learning about and meeting big players behind the scenes, overall making the sport more interesting.

And when it comes to attracting a new generation, Piassek believes betting is the key. "There's no better betting game out there than racing; the complexity and excitement of it make it a thrill. Several tracks, such as Keeneland and Saratoga, have started up elaborate fan-education programs, and their model ought to serve as an example for tracks everywhere," he said. "If you improve fan education, the intimidation barrier is lowered, and people become more interested in betting."

Since her time in MTCP, **Katie Brooks**, from Columbia, graduated from the University of Maryland College Park in December 2017, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. She spent time working at Shamrock Farm, in Woodbine, where she worked with yearlings in preparation for the Fasig-Tipton yearling sale last fall. Through the experience she gained at Shamrock, she also had the opportunity to learn how to handle some of the farm's stallions. From there, she got the chance to work with the hat contest during Maryland Million Day in the fall, and has been spending the 2018 spring semester as an intern in the Kentucky Equine Management internship program.

Brooks is spending six months on a farm in central Kentucky that focuses on breeding and foaling. "From my latest experiences, I would definitely say I am now more involved in the industry. MTCP not only showed me what I was interested in, but also what I wasn't or couldn't see a career for myself in. As of right now, I am still leaning toward becoming an equine veterinarian," she said.

After completing the program, Brooks held onto the advice that stuck with her



## MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

### Blamed scores fifth straight in Sunland Park Oaks

**B**lamed wasn't nominated to the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks, but after the Maryland-bred filly put in a powerful run in the \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks, a Road to the Kentucky Oaks contest worth 50 points to the winner March 25, her connections reconsidered and scheduled a trip to Kentucky. Earning more than enough points to enter the Oaks field, owner Cleber J. Massey put up the \$1,500 late nomination fee in mid-April.

Blamed, a bay daughter of Blame trained by Joel Marr, took a record of 6-5-1-0 and earnings \$241,260 to Churchill Downs. Second in her debut at Zia Park last September, she hasn't missed the

mark in five races since, three of them stakes. Her past four wins, including the Island Fashion Stakes and El Paso Times Stakes at Sunland Park, all came in front-running fashion by a total of 24¼ lengths. Making her first start at 1½ miles the Sunland Park Oaks, she went off as heavy 2-5 favorite, stalked the pace and flew home to win by 6¼ lengths, finishing in 1:43.32 over the fast main track.

Bred by Sagamore Farm out of the Giant's Causeway mare Salsa Star, Blamed is a half-sister to stakes-placed Chubby Star, a 4-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon who is working her way towards her first start of 2018 for Sagamore.



most, “make sure you network and make a name for yourself.” She has kept in contact with her fellow interns, as well as Egan, and found many opportunities through professionals in the industry that she met during the program. She believes it just takes getting one foot in the door to reach a whole group that can pull you all the way through it. “I was lucky to have Dr. Amy Burk, with the UMD Equine Breeding Program, to initially introduce me to the Thoroughbred industry and help spark my love for it,” she said.

**Megan George**, of Reisters-town, nears the end of her senior year at University of Maryland College Park, where she will receive a degree in Animal Science with a focused track in Pre-Veterinary medicine. After MTCP, she spent last summer working with Katy Voss at Chanceland Farm in West Friendship, handling weanlings, yearlings and broodmares. She is an in-

tern associate manager for the UMD Thoroughbred Breeding Program and is also a teaching assistant for the course “Equine Reproductive Management.”

After she graduates, George will be preparing for a position she’s accepted with a non-profit ministry Cru in Australia, which starts in January 2019. She also plans to work in research or in a veterinary practice, building upon existing skills. Ever since her time in MTCP, George has honed her focus for the future and remained proactive in seeking out opportunities within the industry, which she hopes other youth will take advantage of.

“Don’t be afraid to take risks and let yourself grow from every experience,” she said. “Not every moment will meet your expectations or come with ease, but approach them all with an open mind, patience, and resilience.” She plans to apply to veterinary school, specializing in a field

such as reproduction or exercise physiology.

And now, a note from the writer, of Woodbine: I am in Blacksburg, Va., finishing my junior year at Virginia Tech, where I am pursuing a degree in Multimedia Journalism with a minor in Animal Science/Equine emphasis.

I have authored articles covering the experience of the program published in the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* in August 2017, as well as *The Equiery*’s September 2017 edition. In August, I made the trip to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., for the Equesticon convention, and had the opportunity to shadow interns of the *Saratoga Special* daily newspaper.

The majority of my extracurricular time has been spent competing on Virginia Tech’s Hunter Team and managing public relations for the Virginia Tech Equestrian Club. Not growing up following racing or being involved at the track,

I wasn’t always sure I would be able to find a place within the industry. But a love for Thoroughbreds and MTCP helped eliminate the intimidation factor and really showed me all there is to do and experience, while providing amazing connections that I’ve been able to utilize.

As for this summer, I will work as a full-time intern for the Maryland Horse Council and *The Equiery*, and hope to be able to cover the second year of MTCP.

One thing I heard repeatedly throughout the week was the need to bring the younger generation into the industry, so it’s time to do that. Piquing interest for potential careers is great, but it’s time we had more offerings to gain experience from those in the industry themselves. If you are a part of the racing industry, no matter the capacity, take a chance on a working student, volunteer, or intern.



## MARYLAND FOAL REPORT



Rick Buckley

**Rick Buckley’s mare Gypsy Heart foaled a filly by Imagining in February.**



JoAnn Hayden



Christie Steele

**Ginny Wright’s Ghostzapper mare Portwenn and colt by Flat Out.**

**Stakes winner Access to Charlie produced a filly by Union Rags for breeder Hillwood Stables.**

**ACCESS TO CHARLIE**, by Indian Charlie, b.f., April 2, by Union Rags. Hillwood Stables LLC. Mare to Twirling Candy.

**ANN’S SMART DANCER**, by Dance With Ravens, b.f., March 28, by Street Boss. Country Life Farm and Ann’s Smart Dancer LLC.

**AROMA DE MUJER**, by Trippi, dk.b./br.f., Feb. 27, by Vancou-ver (Aus). George L. Doetsch Jr. Mare to Kantharos.

**AVIARY**, by Dance With Ravens, b.f., Feb. 3, by Great Notion. Thornmar. Mare to Uncle Lino.



JoAnn Hayden

**Dark Hollow Farm’s Union Rags filly is out of stakes-winning stakes producer Cat Charmer.**

**BANG AWAY**, by Sky Mesa, b.f., March 20, by Jump Start. Thornmar. Mare to Golden Lad.

**BREAD AND BUTTER**, by Pure Prize, ch.f., Feb. 22, by Cyber Secret. Dark Hollow Farm. Mare to Mizzen Mast.

**BRIDLED ASSURANCE**, by Unbridled’s Song, gr./ro.c., Feb. 16, by Bandbox. Hillwood Stables LLC. Mare to Sky Mesa.



Amy Burk

**Jump Start filly out of Daylight Lassie was bred by The University of Maryland.**



JoAnn Hayden

**Mosler—Dearie Be Good colt was bred by Hillwood Stables.**



**BROKEN TRUST FUND**, by Broken Vow, b.c., March 21, by Mosler. Country Life Farm and Broken Trust Fund LLC. Mare to Mosler.

**CAT CHARMER**, by Storm Cat, b.f., Feb. 28, by Union Rags. Dark Hollow Farm. Mare to Malibu Moon.

**CHEROKEE RIBBON**, by Cherokee Run, ch.c., March 19, by Golden Lad. Thornmar. Mare to Blofeld.

**CURIO**, by Bernardini, ch.f., March 26, by Will Take Charge. Country Life Farm and Curio Broodmare LLC. Mare to Mosler.

**DAYLIGHT LASSIE**, by Seeking Daylight, b.f., March 28, by Jump Start. The University of Maryland.

**D D RENEGADE**, by Medallist, dk.b./br.c., March 27, by Cinco Charlie. CandyLand Farm.

**DEARIE BE GOOD**, by Scrimshaw, b.c., Feb. 17, by Mosler. Hillwood Stables LLC. Mare to Bandbox.

**DEBBIE'S DIAMOND**, by Silver Charm, b.f., March 25, by Munnings. Michael Horning and Debbie Horning. Mare to Blame.

**DELIGHTFULLSTORM**, by Stormy Atlantic, b.c., March 24, by Great Notion. Steve Ferguson. Mare to Friesian Fire.

**DICEY D J**, by Milwaukee Brew, b.c., Feb. 10, by Bandbox.

Thornmar. Mare to American Freedom.

**DR. DIAMONDS PRIZE**, by Pure Prize, dk.b./br.c., March 21, by More Than Ready. Dark Hollow Farm, D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Davidov and Mr. and Mrs. Schwaber. Mare to Union Rags.

**E DUBAI'S HUMOR**, by E Dubai, ch.c., March 11, by Imagining. Gary and Randy Ridgely. Mare to Divining Rod.

**FANCY DIAMOND**, by Eastern Echo, b.c., Feb. 27, by Speigster. Thornmar. Mare to Goldcents.

**GIGGLES**, by Not For Love, b.c., April 4, by Jump Start. Thornmar. Mare to Algorithms.

**HAPPY HAILEY**, by Rock Slide, b.c., Feb. 25, by Golden Lad. George L. Doetsch Jr. Mare to Golden Lad.

**IN DAD'S WALLET**, by Medaglia d'Oro, b.f., March 23, by Mosler. William Bayne. Mare to Divining Rod.

**JOY**, by Pure Prize, ch.c., Feb. 26, by Malibu Moon. Dark Hollow Farm. Mare to Gun Runner.

**JUST SAY GOODBYE**, by Not For Love, b.c., March 22, by Uncle Lino. Thornmar. Mare to Vancouver (Aus).

**LIONHEARTED LADY**, by Lion Hearted, dk.b./br.f., Feb. 3, by Orientate. JoAnn Smith. Mare to Golden Lad.

**LOOKIN FOR ME**, by Posse, b.c., March 31, by Uncle Lino. Bob Gerczak and Chris Gracie. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

**MAYA ELIZABETH**, by Smarty Jones, b.f., March 20, by Bourbon Courage. Dr. Ronald Harris Parker. Mare to Holy Boss.

**MY LITTLE JOSIE**, by Outflanker, b.f., March 15, by Great Notion. David DiPietro. Mare to Imagining.

**ONE MASSIVE CAT**, by Mass Media, b.c., March 4, by Lord Shanakill. Robert Atkinson.

**PARADE OF COLORS**, by Leading the Parade, dk.b./br.f., March 9, by Mosler. John E. Williamson III. Mare to Mosler.

**PATEL**, by Skip Away, dk.b./br.c., March 22, by Mosler. Joe M. Thomson.

**PAY THE LADY**, by Not For Love, b.f., Jan. 27, by Tapiture. Thornmar. Mare to Overanalyze.

**PORTWENN**, by Ghostzapper, b.c., March 16, by Flat Out. Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Palace Malice.

**QUIET RUN**, by Northern Afleet, b.c., March 22, by Barbados. Shamrock Farm. Mare to Barbados.

**ROWDY WOMAN**, by Fastness (Ire), ch.c., March 25, by Maclean's Music. Susan H. Wantz.

**SEEKING OPTIONS**, by Seeking Daylight, b.c., March 31, by Gi-

rolamo. Winners Circle Partners VIII. Mare to Sky Mesa.

**SEE WHAT HAPPENS**, by Ecclesiastic, b.f., Feb. 24, by Great Notion. Timothy L. Keefe. Mare to Buffum.

**SILENT WISPER**, by Wando, b.c., March 8, by Mosler. Country Life Farm.

**SIMMADOWNNOW**, by Candy Ride (Arg), ch.f., March 14, by Anchor Down. Country Life Farm and Simmadownnow LLC.

**SKIPPERDEE**, by Giant's Causeway, ch.c., March 22, by Maclean's Music. Barak Farm and Dean Barber.

**SOME KINDA LOVE**, by Not For Love, ch.f., Feb. 21, by Algorithms. Thornmar. Mare to Paynter.

**SPIN THE BOTTLE**, by Hard Spun, ch.c., March 20, by Malibu Moon. Classic Thoroughbred XII.

**STAGED AFFAIR**, by Not For Love, b.f., Jan. 27, by Great Notion. D Hatman Thoroughbreds. Mare to Dialed In.

**SUCCESS AT SUNUP**, by Successful Appeal, dk.b./br.f., March 20, by Mosler. Wes Carter. Mare to Mosler.

**TIZ PARTNERS**, by Tizbud, b.c., March 17, by Mosler. Thomas McDermott.

**UNIFORMLY YOURS**, by Grand Slam, b.f., March 23, by Honor Code. George L. Doetsch Jr.



## MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks  
February 1 to February 28, 2018

### Breeder bonuses

*Includes the additional 20 percent Maryland-sired bonus for winners of maiden races, initiated in the 2017 Laurel fall meet. That bonus is reflected in the second figure earned for the race.*

Linda Albert and Thomas Baldwin—**MENORAH LORA**: Feb. 4, 6th race, \$726.

Barak Farm—**BLAME THE KIDS**: Feb. 9, 2nd race, \$1,449. **DANCE OR STROLL**: Feb. 23, 7th race, \$759. **DEEP RED**: Feb. 17, 8th race, \$6,000. (\$8,208)

David Baxter—**CRAZY WILD BILL**: Feb. 4, 9th race, \$945. **IN ARREARS**: Feb. 19, 5th race, \$1,890. (\$2,835)

Patricia and Richard Beck—**PICTURA**: Feb. 25, 6th race, \$726.

Bender and Bender LLC—**CLASSIC WILDCAT**: Feb. 9, 4th race, \$1,134.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman, Rebecca Davis and R. L. Johnson—**TO BE HONEST**: Feb. 17, 11th race \$891.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Rebecca Davis—**I STAND ALONE**: Feb. 3, 7th race, \$495.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Glen Caddy and Northview Stallion Station—**BOOSTING**: Feb. 4, 1st race, \$945.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—**JROCK**: Feb. 3, 8th race, \$1,485; Feb. 23, 8th race, \$1,485. (\$2,970)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Ruth Stone—**MOONSPELL**: Feb. 3, 5th race, \$912.

James Edwin Bryant and Linda Page Davis—**JUMP JIVE AN WAIL**: Feb. 24, 7th race, \$1,386.

Louis Carrico—**ARCHIE'S REVENGE**: Feb. 10, 6th race, \$726.

Louis Carrico and WinStar Farm LLC—**WEDGEWOOD BLUE**: Feb. 3, 9th race, \$945; Feb. 19, 9th race, \$495. (\$1,440)

Classic Thoroughbred XII—**STOLEN LOVE**: Feb. 23, 4th race, \$1,485.

Country Life Farm—**HERMANS GOLD**: Feb. 25, 2nd race, \$1,134. **Z NATION**: Feb. 18, 4th race, \$495. (\$1,629)

Country Life Farm, Friesian Fire Syndicate and Fred and Deb Kent—**ZEKE THE STREAK**: Feb. 10, 1st race, \$1,386.

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—**EARNED IT**: Feb. 17, 2nd race, \$3,078; Feb. 24, 1st race, \$627. (\$3,705)

Country Roads Ltd.—**MELO DESPERADO**: Feb. 11, 3rd race, \$3,762/\$2,508. (\$6,270)

Cynetlin Trust—**MINOR LEGEND**: Feb. 16, 6th race, \$1,155.

Mike Dalton LLC—**CONJECTURE**: Feb. 18, 8th race, \$5,985.

Dark Hollow Farm—**CATCH**: Feb. 3, 9th race, \$495. **SOUTHSIDE WARRIOR**: Feb. 23, 4th race, \$7,695. (\$8,190)

Dark Hollow Farm, D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. D. Schwaber and Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidov—**THE IRON BANK**: Feb. 19, 2nd race, \$495.

Catherine Degges—**SHE BE FIERCE**: Feb. 16, 5th race, \$2,565.

George Doetsch—**ENCHANTED GHOST**: Feb. 17, 8th race, \$18,000.

Dragon's Lair Farm and Carol Kaye—**PATRIOTIC QUEST**: Feb. 2, 3rd race, \$1,134; Feb. 23, 1st race, \$1,134. (\$2,268)

The Elkstone Group LLC—**MILA JANE**: Feb. 19, 1st race, \$1,449. **PLATINUM POUND**: Feb. 2, 1st race, \$1,320. (\$2,769)

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—**STORMY MAMA**: Feb. 9, 1st race, \$495.

Everest Stables Inc.—**BIG CITY BLUES**: Feb. 18, 5th race, \$4,617.

W. Dale and Joan P. Everett—**ANY COURT INASTORM**: Feb. 17, 3rd race, \$1,449. **GIVEN ACHANCE**: Feb. 16, 1st race, \$1,134. (\$2,583)

Mrs. Janon Fisher III—**FLY AND FLUTTER**: Feb. 11, 1st race, \$2,565; Feb. 25, 3rd race, \$2,565. (\$5,130)

Fitzhugh LLC—**NO PICNIC**: Feb. 25, 8th race, \$1,071. **TURBIN**: Feb. 24, 3rd race, \$495. (\$1,566)

Robert Gerczak—**BALTIMORE STREET**: Feb. 11, 1st race, \$945.

Estate of James Glenn—**TRAFFICPLAN**: Feb. 18, 7th race, \$1,386.

Dan Green—**NORTHERN PRANCER**: Feb. 9, 1st race, \$945.

Jean W. Harris—**SEBRAY**: Feb. 18, 9th race, \$945.

Michael J. Harrison DVM—**HASHTAG SELFIE**: Feb. 10, 5th race, \$2,565.

Holly House Farm—**ALIGN THE NUMBERS**: Feb. 11, 7th race, \$2,079.

Hot Silks Racing Stable LLC—**ROYAL HUSSAR**: Feb. 16, 6th race, \$2,205.

Ann Biggs Jackson—**TACO SUPREAM**: Feb. 19, 8th race, \$1,386.

R. Larry Johnson—**IT'S THE JOURNEY**: Feb. 17, 9th race, \$3,000. **SIRIUS LOVE**: Feb. 25, 9th race, \$1,089. (\$4,089)

Andrea Lematta—**GHOSTLY AFFAIR**: Feb. 3, 3rd race, \$594.

Fred T. Lewis DVM—**TRICKY LION**: Feb. 16, 6th race, \$5,985.

Robert T. Manfuso—**CAMPARI**: Feb. 10, 8th race, \$1,155; Feb. 24, 6th race, \$1,764. (\$2,919)

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—**BASH**: Feb. 25, 4th race, \$2,520. **JUMPING MICHELLE**: Feb. 9, 5th race, \$2,079; Feb. 25, 9th race, \$5,643. **RARE NOTION**: Feb. 4, 3rd race, \$1,089. (\$11,331)



Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. and Country Life Farm—NICO BREE N TEEJ: Feb. 4, 5th race, \$2,646; Feb. 16, 7th race, \$2,646. (\$5,292)

Louis McLane Merryman and R. Larry Johnson—MAGICIAN'SCALENDAR: Feb. 10, 8th race, \$2,205.

Donna M. Miller—THE GREAT PROVIDER: Feb. 23, 8th race, \$2,835.

Athol Morgan LLC—MS. PICADILLY: Feb. 16, 9th race, \$1,134.

Wayne Morris and Juanita Morris—EIGHTYEIGHTMPH: Feb. 18, 2nd race, \$990.

Audrey Murray—GRAND LASSIE: Feb. 10, 7th race, \$1,134. MISS NOSY: Feb. 3, 2nd race, \$825; Feb. 25, 5th race, \$1,575. (\$3,534)

Nancy Lee Farms—EASTERN BAY: Feb. 4, 7th race, \$7,182; Feb. 23, 8th race, \$7,695. NANCY R: Feb. 16, 9th race, \$594. PERFECT DEAL: Feb. 23, 3rd race, \$2,565. (\$18,036)

Nicewonder Stable LLC—TWIN VALOR: Feb. 10, 8th race, \$5,985; Feb. 24, 7th race, \$7,182. (\$13,167)

NonStop Stable and Paul Fowler—BAD ANGLE BURKE: Feb. 23, 5th race, \$891.

Northview Stallion Station Inc.—A TRUE GENTLEMAN: Feb. 10, 2nd race, \$945; Feb. 24, 9th race, \$945. (\$1,890)

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—LEGAL PRECEDENT: Feb. 17, 2nd race, \$594. T SIZZLE: Feb. 24, 1st race, \$1,197. (\$1,791)

Avia Pitts—ICELAKE: Feb. 3, 5th race, \$3,249.

R C Park Racing Stable Inc.—JAH GRACE: Feb. 17, 1st race, \$3,762/\$2,508. (\$6,270)

Sagamore Farm LLC—BREAK THE MOLD: Feb. 9, 9th race, \$945. BRING ME ANSWERS: Feb. 18, 8th race, \$1,155. BRUTE FORCE: Feb. 9, 9th race, \$495. (\$2,595)

Spendthrift Farm LLC—TOWSON: Feb. 3, 1st race, \$1,386.

John D. Stuart—BELFOUR: Feb. 4, 3rd race, \$2,079.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—ELEVATED VISION: Feb. 9, 5th race, \$5,643/\$3,762. (\$9,405)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds and Two Legends Farm—FRECHETTE: Feb. 18, 7th race, \$7,182.

Thornmar Farm LLC—BAY OF SIGHS: Feb. 4, 2nd race, \$1,890. BESTKINDOFTRouble: Feb. 24, 8th race, \$2,646. TAKE WARNING: Feb. 18, 2nd race, \$1,890. (\$6,426)

Thornmar Farm and Tim Keefe—STILL HAVING FUN: Feb. 17, 6th race, \$18,000.

Mark Toothaker and Dan White—GREASED-LIGHTNING: Feb. 4, 2nd race, \$5,130.

Donna Tullner and Stephen Glessner—CHEROKEE FIRE: Feb. 25, 6th race, \$1,386.

Tuscany Farm LLC—STAR EIGHTY: Feb. 3, 2nd race, \$4,275; Feb. 25, 5th race, \$4,275. (\$8,550)

Two Legends Farm and Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds—GHOU'L'S NIGHT OUT: Feb. 18, 8th race, \$2,205.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Wells—ZESTY ZAR: Feb. 23, 1st race, \$594.

John E. Williamson III—PARADE OF NATIONS: Feb. 17, 3rd race, \$3,933.

Eric J. Wirth—CARVED: Feb. 25, 9th race, \$2,079. NOTABLE GAME: Feb. 23, 3rd race, \$495. (\$2,574)

Pamela Wofford—BIG BAD BEN: Feb. 25, 2nd race, \$3,078/\$2,052. (\$5,130)

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—CANNON'S ROAR: Feb. 11, 9th race, \$1,134.

Lana Wright—WHYYOUASK: Feb. 18, 7th race, \$2,646.

Linda Zang—LEWISFIELD: Feb. 3, 8th race, \$7,695.

## Stallion bonuses

BULLSBAY (A True Gentleman: Feb. 10, 2nd race, \$315; Feb. 24, 9th race, \$315): Bulls Bay Syndicate—\$630

CAL NATION (Earned It: Feb. 17, 2nd race, \$1,026; Feb. 24, 1st race, \$209. Parade of Nations: Feb. 17, 3rd race, \$1,311. Z Nation: Feb. 18, 4th race, \$165): Cal Nation Syndicate—\$2,711.00.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Jah Grace: Feb. 17, 1st race, \$1,254. Menorah Lora: Feb. 4, 6th race, \$242): ZWP Stable—\$1,496.

DANCE WITH RAVENS (I Stand Alone: Feb. 3, 7th race, \$165): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.

DEPUTY STORM (Jrock: Feb. 3, 8th race, \$495; Feb. 23, 8th race, \$495. Perfect Deal: Feb. 23, 3rd race, \$855): Deputy Storm Syndicate—\$1,845.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Meo Desperado: Feb. 11, 3rd race, \$1,254): R. Larry Johnson.

ETCHED (Carved: Feb. 25, 9th race, \$693. Pictura: Feb. 25, 6th race, \$242): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership—\$935.

FREEDOM CHILD (Eightyeightmph: Feb. 18, 2nd race, \$330. Hermans Gold: Feb. 25, 2nd race, \$378. Nico Bree N Teej: Feb. 4, 5th race, \$882; Feb. 16, 7th race, \$882): Freedom Child Syndicate—\$2,472.

FRIESAN FIRE (Bad Angle Burke: Feb. 23, 5th race, \$297. Cherokee Fire: Feb. 25, 6th race, \$462. Nancy R: Feb. 16, 9th race, \$198). Zeke the Streak: Feb. 10, 1st race, \$462): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$1,419.

GREAT NOTION (Conjecture: Feb. 18, 8th race, \$1,995. Elevated Vision: Feb. 9, 5th race,

\$1,881. Fly and Flutter: Feb. 11, 1st race, \$855; Feb. 25, 3rd race, \$855. Lewisfield: Feb. 3, 8th race, \$2,565. Moonspell: Feb. 3, 5th race, \$304. Notable Game: Feb. 23, 3rd race, \$165. Rare Notion: Feb. 4, 3rd race, \$363): Great Notion Syndicate—\$8,983.

LION HEARTED (Northern Prancer: Feb. 9, 1st race, \$315. Stormy Mama: Feb. 9, 1st race, \$165. Tricky Lion: Feb. 16, 6th race, \$1,995): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$2,475.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Grand Lassie: Feb. 10, 7th race, \$378. Miss Nosy: Feb. 3, 2nd race, \$275; Feb. 25, 5th race, \$525): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$1,178.

M EIGHTY (Star Eighty: Feb. 3, 2nd race, \$1,425; Feb. 25, 5th race, \$1,425): Tuscany Farm LLC—\$2,850.

NOT FOR LOVE (Platinum Pound: Feb. 2, 1st race, \$440. Stolen Love: Feb. 23, 4th race, \$495): Not For Love Syndicate—\$935.

ORIENTATE (Align the Numbers: Feb. 11, 7th race, \$693. Cannon's Roar: Feb. 11, 9th race, \$378. Whyyouask: Feb. 18, 7th race, \$882): Orientate Syndicate—\$1,953.

PLAN (Trafficplan: Feb. 18, 7th race, \$462): Stronach Group LP.

ROCK SLIDE (Big Bad Ben: Feb. 25, 2nd race, \$1,026): Shamrock Farms.

SCIPION (Crazy Wild Bill: Feb. 4, 9th race, \$315. In Arrears: Feb. 19, 5th race, \$630): Scipion Syndicate—\$945.

STREET MAGICIAN (Magician'scalendar: Feb. 10, 8th race, \$735. To Be Honest: Feb. 17, 11th race, \$297): R. Larry Johnson—\$1,032.

TWO PUNCH Minor Legend: Feb. 16, 6th race, \$385): Two Punch Syndicate.



# Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland  
Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

| Purse \$ | 1st place earns \$ | 1st place breeder bonus \$ | 2nd place earns \$ | 2nd place breeder bonus \$ | 3rd place earns \$ | 3rd place breeder bonus \$ |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 14000    | 7980               | 2394                       | 2940               | 882                        | 1540               | 462                        |
| 14500    | 8265               | 2479.50                    | 3045               | 913.50                     | 1595               | 478.50                     |
| 15000    | 8550               | 2565                       | 3150               | 945                        | 1650               | 495                        |
| 15500    | 8835               | 2650.50                    | 3255               | 976.50                     | 1705               | 511.50                     |
| 16000    | 9120               | 2736                       | 3360               | 1008                       | 1760               | 528                        |
| 16500    | 9405               | 2821.50                    | 3465               | 1039.50                    | 1815               | 544.50                     |
| 17000    | 9690               | 2907                       | 3570               | 1071                       | 1870               | 561                        |
| 17500    | 9975               | 2992.50                    | 3675               | 1102.50                    | 1925               | 577.50                     |
| 18000    | 10260              | 3078                       | 3780               | 1134                       | 1980               | 594                        |
| 18500    | 10545              | 3163.50                    | 3885               | 1165.50                    | 2035               | 610.50                     |
| 19000    | 10830              | 3249                       | 3990               | 1197                       | 2090               | 627                        |
| 19500    | 11115              | 3334.50                    | 4095               | 1228.50                    | 2145               | 643.50                     |
| 20000    | 11400              | 3420                       | 4200               | 1260                       | 2200               | 660                        |
| 21000    | 11970              | 3591                       | 4410               | 1323                       | 2310               | 693                        |
| 22000    | 12540              | 3762                       | 4620               | 1386                       | 2420               | 726                        |
| 23000    | 13110              | 3933                       | 4830               | 1449                       | 2530               | 759                        |
| 24000    | 13680              | 4104                       | 5040               | 1512                       | 2640               | 792                        |
| 25000    | 14250              | 4275                       | 5250               | 1575                       | 2750               | 825                        |
| 26000    | 14820              | 4446                       | 5460               | 1638                       | 2860               | 858                        |
| 27000    | 15390              | 4617                       | 5670               | 1701                       | 2970               | 891                        |
| 28000    | 15960              | 4788                       | 5880               | 1764                       | 3080               | 924                        |
| 29000    | 16530              | 4959                       | 6090               | 1827                       | 3190               | 957                        |
| 30000    | 17100              | 5130                       | 6300               | 1890                       | 3300               | 990                        |
| 31000    | 17670              | 5301                       | 6510               | 1953                       | 3410               | 1023                       |
| 32000    | 18240              | 5472                       | 6720               | 2016                       | 3520               | 1056                       |

| Purse \$ | 1st place earns \$ | 1st place breeder bonus \$ | 2nd place earns \$ | 2nd place breeder bonus \$ | 3rd place earns \$ | 3rd place breeder bonus \$ |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 33000    | 18810              | 5643                       | 6930               | 2079                       | 3630               | 1089                       |
| 34000    | 19380              | 5814                       | 7140               | 2142                       | 3740               | 1122                       |
| 35000    | 19950              | 5985                       | 7350               | 2205                       | 3850               | 1155                       |
| 36000    | 20520              | 6156                       | 7560               | 2268                       | 3960               | 1188                       |
| 37000    | 21090              | 6327                       | 7770               | 2331                       | 4070               | 1221                       |
| 38000    | 21660              | 6498                       | 7980               | 2394                       | 4180               | 1254                       |
| 39000    | 22230              | 6669                       | 8190               | 2457                       | 4290               | 1287                       |
| 40000    | 22800              | 6840                       | 8400               | 2520                       | 4400               | 1320                       |
| 41000    | 23370              | 7011                       | 8610               | 2583                       | 4510               | 1353                       |
| 42000    | 23940              | 7182                       | 8820               | 2646                       | 4620               | 1386                       |
| 43000    | 24510              | 7353                       | 9030               | 2709                       | 4730               | 1419                       |
| 44000    | 25080              | 7524                       | 9240               | 2772                       | 4840               | 1452                       |
| 45000    | 25650              | 7695                       | 9450               | 2835                       | 4950               | 1485                       |
| 46000    | 26220              | 7866                       | 9660               | 2898                       | 5060               | 1518                       |
| 47000    | 26790              | 8037                       | 9870               | 2961                       | 5170               | 1551                       |
| 48000    | 27360              | 8208                       | 10080              | 3024                       | 5280               | 1584                       |
| 49000    | 27930              | 8379                       | 10290              | 3087                       | 5390               | 1617                       |
| 50000    | 28500              | 8550                       | 10500              | 3150                       | 5500               | 1650                       |
| 51000    | 29070              | 8721                       | 10710              | 3213                       | 5610               | 1683                       |
| 52000    | 29640              | 8892                       | 10920              | 3276                       | 5720               | 1716                       |
| 53000    | 30210              | 9063                       | 11130              | 3339                       | 5830               | 1749                       |
| 54000    | 30780              | 9234                       | 11340              | 3402                       | 5940               | 1782                       |
| 55000    | 31350              | 9405                       | 11550              | 3465                       | 6050               | 1815                       |
| 56000    | 31920              | 9576                       | 11760              | 3528                       | 6160               | 1848                       |
| 57000    | 32490              | 9747                       | 11970              | 3591                       | 6270               | 1881                       |

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at \$100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 30% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Bonuses paid on stakes exceeding \$100,000 will be calculated on purse distributions of a \$100,000 stakes. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race.

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As of 01/01/2016; subject to semi-annual review by Maryland Racing Commission



## Maryland-bred top earners in 2018

(through April 4)

|                                       |                                         |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Blamed . . . . . \$208,000         | 11. Global Citizen . . . . . \$59,640   |
| 2. Still Having Fun . . . . . 126,000 | 12. Twin Valor . . . . . 58,422         |
| 3. Eastern Bay . . . . . 84,417       | 13. Bay of Cats . . . . . 55,614        |
| 4. Limited View . . . . . 80,000      | 14. Elevated Vision . . . . . 55,575    |
| 5. Lewisfield . . . . . 78,345        | 15. Deep Red . . . . . 54,122           |
| 6. V. I. P. Code . . . . . 73,000     | 16. Southside Warrior . . . . . 50,210  |
| 7. Enchanted Ghost . . . . . 70,000   | 17. Whereshetoldmetogo . . . . . 49,612 |
| 8. Align the Numbers . . . . . 64,584 | 18. Belfour . . . . . 47,658            |
| 9. Mila Jane . . . . . 63,033         | 19. Admiral Blue . . . . . 46,535       |
| 10. It's the Journey . . . . . 60,000 | 20. Tattooed . . . . . 45,663           |

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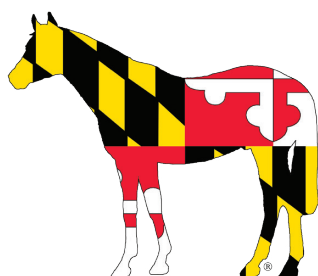
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## Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services,  
these statistics compiled on April 4 are for stallions who  
currently stand or completed their career in Maryland.  
Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2018.

### Earnings in 2018

|                            | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins | Earnings  |
|----------------------------|------|--------|------|------|-----------|
| Friesan Fire . . . . .     | 54   | 160    | 17   | 20   | \$646,256 |
| Great Notion . . . . .     | 43   | 91     | 14   | 20   | 548,011   |
| Not For Love . . . . .     | 38   | 117    | 11   | 13   | 344,280   |
| Orientate . . . . .        | 33   | 84     | 9    | 10   | 276,720   |
| Petionville . . . . .      | 27   | 72     | 8    | 8    | 205,053   |
| Street Magician . . . . .  | 24   | 55     | 5    | 6    | 185,834   |
| Freedom Child . . . . .    | 12   | 31     | 3    | 3    | 180,620   |
| Redeemed . . . . .         | 20   | 47     | 4    | 4    | 122,918   |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .     | 16   | 42     | 3    | 3    | 112,602   |
| Outflanker . . . . .       | 10   | 31     | 2    | 3    | 99,864    |
| Despite the Odds . . . . . | 9    | 23     | 5    | 5    | 87,861    |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . .   | 9    | 21     | 2    | 2    | 71,424    |
| Rock Slide . . . . .       | 10   | 27     | 3    | 3    | 57,533    |
| Scipion . . . . .          | 13   | 34     | 1    | 1    | 51,745    |
| Admiral Alex . . . . .     | 4    | 9      | 1    | 1    | 49,384    |
| Nicanor . . . . .          | 8    | 15     | 3    | 3    | 48,199    |
| Cherokee's Boy . . . . .   | 9    | 23     | 1    | 1    | 46,980    |
| M Eighty . . . . .         | 2    | 6      | 1    | 2    | 40,845    |

### Earnings lifetime

|                           | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins  | Earnings     |
|---------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|--------------|
| Not For Love . . . . .    | 831  | 18,503 | 666  | 2,759 | \$77,117,848 |
| Two Punch . . . . .       | 938  | 18,271 | 733  | 2,683 | 55,224,341   |
| Orientate . . . . .       | 651  | 13,028 | 503  | 1,916 | 45,115,018   |
| Petionville . . . . .     | 645  | 13,838 | 503  | 1,874 | 43,952,486   |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . .  | 768  | 14,656 | 570  | 1,934 | 37,316,566   |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .    | 498  | 9,458  | 382  | 1,302 | 29,330,572   |
| Outflanker . . . . .      | 424  | 9,079  | 316  | 1,287 | 28,342,571   |
| Go for Gin . . . . .      | 322  | 6,177  | 214  | 729   | 19,253,647   |
| Great Notion . . . . .    | 215  | 2,981  | 163  | 501   | 15,180,050   |
| Rock Slide . . . . .      | 218  | 3,684  | 147  | 412   | 10,709,830   |
| Gators N Bears . . . . .  | 124  | 1,885  | 71   | 230   | 5,890,455    |
| Scipion . . . . .         | 105  | 2,230  | 64   | 259   | 5,766,779    |
| Friesan Fire . . . . .    | 114  | 1,454  | 76   | 189   | 5,609,849    |
| Street Magician . . . . . | 79   | 1,018  | 56   | 127   | 3,967,795    |
| Cherokee's Boy . . . . .  | 74   | 1,390  | 47   | 141   | 3,810,960    |
| Showing Up . . . . .      | 86   | 1,047  | 54   | 129   | 2,397,215    |
| Greek Sun . . . . .       | 28   | 496    | 20   | 46    | 1,260,273    |
| Redeemed . . . . .        | 37   | 305    | 17   | 29    | 1,096,089    |
| M Eighty . . . . .        | 14   | 304    | 11   | 48    | 1,041,936    |
| Narrative (Ire) . . . . . | 73   | 1,057  | 42   | 116   | 1,030,901    |

### 2-year-old earnings lifetime

|                           | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins | Earnings    |
|---------------------------|------|--------|------|------|-------------|
| Not For Love . . . . .    | 365  | 1,164  | 139  | 186  | \$6,956,746 |
| Two Punch . . . . .       | 449  | 1,447  | 164  | 207  | 5,686,112   |
| Orientate . . . . .       | 358  | 1,123  | 136  | 178  | 5,164,299   |
| Petionville . . . . .     | 372  | 1,153  | 121  | 150  | 4,780,519   |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . .  | 336  | 1,039  | 104  | 130  | 3,488,797   |
| Outflanker . . . . .      | 222  | 897    | 91   | 122  | 3,337,996   |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .    | 221  | 717    | 80   | 110  | 3,052,441   |
| Great Notion . . . . .    | 78   | 239    | 31   | 45   | 1,731,105   |
| Rock Slide . . . . .      | 92   | 296    | 24   | 35   | 1,070,760   |
| Scipion . . . . .         | 57   | 235    | 25   | 33   | 1,019,852   |
| Go for Gin . . . . .      | 162  | 528    | 32   | 39   | 982,754     |
| Friesan Fire . . . . .    | 64   | 198    | 20   | 22   | 949,517     |
| Cherokee's Boy . . . . .  | 24   | 105    | 8    | 13   | 641,664     |
| Street Magician . . . . . | 39   | 139    | 13   | 14   | 559,175     |
| Freedom Child . . . . .   | 17   | 75     | 8    | 13   | 538,051     |
| Gators N Bears . . . . .  | 52   | 182    | 18   | 21   | 524,101     |





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# Solid Return for New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year Irish War Cry

By Bill Finley

For 2017 New Jersey-Bred Horse of the Year Irish War Cry, the Grade 3 Hal's Hope at Gulfstream Feb. 24 turned into one of those good news-bad news situations. He ran far better than he did when last seen, when eighth in the Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby. But he did not win, finishing second, 1¼ lengths behind Economic Model.

"I was a little disappointed, but he did run well," trainer Graham Motion said afterward. "And I think he had a license to get a little tired. He was very much on a similar schedule to Good Magic and look what happened to him [a third-place finish in the Fountain of Youth in his 2018 debut]. It's tough to come back there at Gulfstream off a bit of a layoff. I was between a rock and a hard place because I could have waited until the end of March and run him in the same race [the Gulfstream Park Hardacre Mile-G2] but I thought that was overkill to breeze him for another month."

In some respects, the Hal's Hope was an unusual performance from Irish War Cry, who has had a tendency to either run really well or really poorly. This race was somewhere in between. Entering the colt's 4-year-old season Motion understood that one of his primary jobs was to figure out how to get the son of Curlin to be consistent. So far, he's still looking for answers.

"No, I don't think so," Motion said when asked if he has come to understand why the

horse tends to throw in clunkers. "Somebody said to me this week that Gulfstream must be a great surface for him since he ran his best race [the Holy Bull] there, but I also had to remind them that he also ran his most disappointing race there [the Fountain of Youth]."

Motion is hoping that with the colt now 4 that he has grown up some and that that will lead to him putting in a top effort every time out.

"Physically and mentally he has improved a lot," Motion said. "His brother, Irish Strait, was just an average 3-year-old and a completely different horse at 4. He became a very consistent kind of hard-knocking Group 2, Group 3-type horse. So I think it's in his family to improve; it's in their genes to improve."

Motion is not sure yet where Irish War Cry will run next, but expects to see some improvement.

"With the Hal's Hope under his belt you would think that he would hopefully move forward," he said.

The plan, at least for now, is to look for one-turn races, preferably at a mile or 7 furlongs. Even though Irish War Cry is a graded stakes winner at 1½ miles, Motion has come to believe that his future is as a miler. The Met Mile is among the goals for the year.

"I'm planning on keeping him at shorter distances," he said prior to the Hal's Hope. "One-turn mile races seem to be more in his



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range and, hopefully, they will help him find more consistency. I think that's more what he wants to do.

"He was second in the Belmont at a mile and a half, so I'm not saying I'll never stretch him out to a mile and an eighth again, but I just feel like the longer races may be out of his range. But never say never. I just want to first get through today with him and see him run a competitive race. He doesn't have to win this race today, but I want to see him be right there and be competitive."

That much he achieved. But there are bigger goals for 2018, and one of them is to win that elusive Grade 1 to enhance Irish War Cry's stud value.

"Definitely, getting a Grade 1 is really important," he said. "It's a shame that we won the Wood Memorial in the first year it was not a Grade 1. That was frustrating because it would have been nice to have that on his resume."

There's plenty of time to get that done. Irish War Cry didn't give Motion and owner-breeder Isabelle de Tomaso everything they were looking for in the Hal's Hope. But neither did he give them any reason to believe 2018 can't be a very productive year for Jersey's champ.

## MATCH Series Bonus

The Board of Trustees of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey has approved, pending New Jersey Racing Commission approval, a \$5,000 bonus to the breeder of the highest New Jersey-bred point earning colt and gelding and filly and mare in the 2018 MATCH Series.

The bonus is for the breeder only.

To review the races and rules for the 2018 MATCH series, go to [www.matchseries.com](http://www.matchseries.com). The series kicks off May 18. Seven of the series' 25 stakes will be run at Monmouth.

The New Jersey Racing Commission will not have the opportunity to approve the request prior to their scheduled meeting May 16.

## Out-of-State runners for January–February 2018

*Runners eligible for New Jersey-bred incentive awards. Visit [www.njbreds.com](http://www.njbreds.com) for more details.*

| Horse              | Breeder                   | Race Date | Race Track      | Finish | Purse    | Earnings |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|
| WATEREE            | Wes Carter                | 1/5/2018  | Tampa Bay Downs | 2      | \$12,200 | \$ 2,310 |
| BLUE CHIP PROSPECT | Jonathan Brown            | 1/5/2018  | Gulfstream Park | 1      | 35,000   | 18,000   |
| OGEECHIE           | Wes Carter                | 1/7/2018  | Laurel Park     | 1      | 15,000   | 8,550    |
| DARAY              | Dorothy Dweck             | 1/8/2018  | Laurel Park     | 3      | 18,000   | 1,980    |
| BILLY LION HEART   | Hidden Acres 4-D Farm LLC | 1/9/2018  | Parx Racing     | 3      | 23,140   | 2,255    |
| VALENTINO'S DAY    | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.         | 1/10/2018 | Penn National   | 3      | 13,216   | 1,298    |
| DAME AMOUR         | Joseph H. Pierce Jr.      | 1/10/2018 | Mahoning Valley | 3      | 11,100   | 1,010    |
| LOST PRINCESS      | Holly Crest Farm          | 1/11/2018 | Gulfstream Park | 1      | 27,000   | 14,400   |
| CHUBLICIOUS        | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.         | 1/13/2018 | Fair Grounds    | 2      | 75,000   | 15,000   |
| LADY GREGORIA      | Joseph R. Rivera          | 1/14/2018 | Tampa Bay Downs | 2      | 10,700   | 2,163    |
| PHOENIX RISING     | Thomas Ryan               | 1/14/2018 | Tampa Bay Downs | 3      | 10,700   | 1,030    |
| HERSISTERISACHUB   | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.         | 1/15/2018 | Parx Racing     | 1      | 23,196   | 12,900   |
| POSTINO'S SECRET   | Law Legacy Stables LLC    | 1/15/2018 | Laurel Park     | 2      | 15,000   | 3,150    |
| ALL OURS           | Cynthia Reese             | 1/15/2018 | Parx Racing     | 3      | 38,210   | 3,080    |
| BROTHER CHUB       | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.         | 1/15/2018 | Parx Racing     | 2      | 47,500   | 9,400    |
| GADGET MAN         | Joseph H. Pierce Jr.      | 1/18/2018 | Penn National   | 3      | 18,792   | 1,782    |
| SOUTHAMPTON PRIDE  | Menotti Lembo             | 1/20/2018 | Tampa Bay Downs | 1      | 10,400   | 3,900    |
| DOWN MARKET        | Holly Crest Farm          | 1/20/2018 | Parx Racing     | 2      | 19,250   | 3,600    |
| HERE'S TO MIKE     | Jonathan Brown            | 1/20/2018 | Gulfstream Park | 3      | 26,000   | 1,980    |
| CHEDDAR CHUB       | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.         | 1/23/2018 | Parx Racing     | 1      | 25,000   | 14,400   |
| LET'S PARLAY       | Red Oak Stable            | 1/23/2018 | Parx Racing     | 3      | 40,350   | 3,300    |



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| <i>Horse</i>       | <i>Breeder</i>                     | <i>Race Date</i> | <i>Race Track</i>  | <i>Finish</i> | <i>Purse</i> | <i>Earnings</i> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| RAINBOW HEIR       | New Farm                           | 1/27/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 1             | \$175,000    | \$72,850        |
| OAK BLUFFS         | Patricia Generazio                 | 1/27/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 2             | 175,000      | 23,500          |
| POMPAÑO            | Dorothy Dweck                      | 1/27/2018        | Penn National      | 3             | 15,400       | 1,694           |
| BUBBA'S WILL       | Ross Restuccio                     | 1/27/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 23,750       | 2,530           |
| TOTALLY GAGA       | Spring Run Farm LLC                | 1/27/2018        | Charles Town Races | 2             | 12,000       | 2,340           |
| SMART ROMANCE      | Hope Haskell Jones                 | 1/28/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 3             | 26,000       | 2,200           |
| BLANK PAIGE        | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.                  | 1/28/2018        | Aqueduct           | 2             | 28,000       | 5,600           |
| AIRBORNE RANGER    | Spring Run Farm LLC                | 1/29/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 24,000       | 2,530           |
| GOLDEN BROWN       | Esther De Jong                     | 1/30/2018        | Parx Racing        | 2             | 47,480       | 9,000           |
| REDNECK COWBOY     | Spring Run Farm LLC                | 1/31/2018        | Penn National      | 3             | 21,280       | 2,090           |
| LADY GREGORIA      | Joseph R. Rivera                   | 1/31/2018        | Tampa Bay Downs    | 3             | 10,700       | 1,030           |
| GIRL POWDER        | Joseph H. Pierce Jr.               | 1/31/2018        | Tampa Bay Downs    | 1             | 16,700       | 9,000           |
| SMOKIN PLAN        | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.                  | 1/31/2018        | Penn National      | 1             | 12,161       | 7,140           |
| SPRING FOR MORE    | New Farm                           | 2/1/2018         | Aqueduct           | 2             | 67,000       | 13,400          |
| BROTHER CHUB       | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.                  | 2/3/2018         | Laurel Park        | 2             | 54,180       | 9,450           |
| DIAL OPERATOR      | New Farm                           | 2/4/2018         | Laurel Park        | 1             | 44,646       | 23,940          |
| T. C. TOMBOY       | T. Eileen Munyak                   | 2/6/2018         | Parx Racing        | 1             | 19,759       | 10,800          |
| DOWN MARKET        | Holly Crest Farm                   | 2/6/2018         | Parx Racing        | 2             | 19,759       | 3,600           |
| TEN CENT HAT       | John Bowers Jr.                    | 2/6/2018         | Mahoning Valley    | 3             | 20,600       | 1,900           |
| ALL OURS           | Cynthia Reese                      | 2/6/2018         | Parx Racing        | 2             | 35,220       | 5,600           |
| GETAWAY'S VOW      | Law Legacy Stables LLC             | 2/6/2018         | Parx Racing        | 3             | 29,250       | 3,080           |
| DAME AMOUR         | Joseph H. Pierce Jr.               | 2/7/2018         | Mahoning Valley    | 1             | 12,100       | 6,660           |
| VISIONARY RULER    | Edward Roy Rosen & John Bowers Jr. | 2/9/2018         | Gulfstream Park    | 2             | 20,000       | 3,600           |
| VALEDICTORIAN      | John Bowers Jr.                    | 2/9/2018         | Gulfstream Park    | 2             | 52,000       | 9,900           |
| IT'S THE TRUTH     | Bright View Farm Inc               | 2/10/2018        | Oaklawn Park       | 3             | 77,000       | 7,700           |
| WILDLY GOOD LOOKIN | Judy Sessa                         | 2/10/2018        | Parx Racing        | 2             | 20,500       | 3,800           |
| ROSEMARIE          | Kaz Hill Farm                      | 2/12/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 20,000       | 2,090           |
| KELLYSLITTLESECRET | Gina Lupton                        | 2/13/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 21,020       | 2,090           |
| SAUCY DON          | Patricia Generazio                 | 2/15/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 2             | 31,000       | 5,720           |
| LIGHT'S GONE WILD  | Joseph & Gayle Ioia                | 2/15/2018        | Penn National      | 3             | 15,232       | 1,496           |
| CHUBBLE MAKER      | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.                  | 2/15/2018        | Oaklawn Park       | 2             | 29,000       | 5,800           |
| NELLIE MAC         | Jonathan Brown                     | 2/17/2018        | Parx Racing        | 1             | 22,390       | 12,300          |
| BUBBA'S WILL       | Ross Restuccio                     | 2/17/2018        | Parx Racing        | 2             | 24,000       | 4,600           |
| COZY LOVER         | Hidden Acres 4-D Farm LLC          | 2/17/2018        | Parx Racing        | 1             | 32,070       | 18,000          |
| BROTHER CHUB       | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.                  | 2/17/2018        | Parx Racing        | 2             | 32,070       | 6,000           |
| WILL               | Dorothy Dweck                      | 2/18/2018        | Laurel Park        | 1             | 15,000       | 8,550           |
| JUDY'S CHANCE      | Judy Sessa                         | 2/18/2018        | Tampa Bay Downs    | 1             | 23,500       | 12,600          |
| LADY GREGORIA      | Joseph R. Rivera                   | 2/18/2018        | Tampa Bay Downs    | 3             | 10,700       | 1,030           |
| OAK BLUFFS         | Patricia Generazio                 | 2/18/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 1             | 30,000       | 15,600          |
| SMART ROMANCE      | Hope Haskell Jones                 | 2/19/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 3             | 26,000       | 2,420           |
| ROSIE P            | Jet - M Stable                     | 2/19/2018        | Parx Racing        | 1             | 28,250       | 16,800          |
| BILLY'S JUMP START | Hidden Acres 4-D Farm LLC          | 2/19/2018        | Parx Racing        | 2             | 33,730       | 5,400           |
| MONTRICO           | Dorothy Dweck                      | 2/19/2018        | Laurel Park        | 1             | 15,495       | 8,550           |
| WE B JAMMIN        | Red Oak Stable                     | 2/20/2018        | Parx Racing        | 1             | 21,500       | 12,900          |
| BILLY LION HEART   | Hidden Acres 4-D Farm LLC          | 2/20/2018        | Parx Racing        | 2             | 21,000       | 4,100           |
| CRAZY DAISY        | Red Oak Stable                     | 2/20/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 26,500       | 2,860           |
| CLEVER CALIBAN     | Nona Balaban                       | 2/20/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 25,330       | 2,090           |
| SWEET FILLY O'MINE | Law Legacy Stables LLC             | 2/21/2018        | Charles Town Races | 1             | 12,000       | 7,200           |
| PHONE MY POSSE     | Bright View Farm Inc.              | 2/22/2018        | Penn National      | 2             | 15,739       | 3,080           |
| MARKET TALES       | Holly Crest Farm                   | 2/23/2018        | Penn National      | 3             | 10,800       | 1,188           |
| IRISH WAR CRY      | Isabelle H De Tomaso               | 2/24/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 2             | 100,000      | 19,600          |
| GOLDEN BROWN       | ESTHER DE JONG                     | 2/24/2018        | Parx Racing        | 1             | 49,100       | 27,000          |
| VISIONARY RULER    | Edward Roy Rosen & John Bowers Jr. | 2/25/2018        | Gulfstream Park    | 1             | 20,000       | 10,800          |
| CHEDDAR CHUB       | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.                  | 2/26/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 34,970       | 3,080           |
| BROTHER CHUB       | Joe-Dan Farm Inc.                  | 2/27/2018        | Parx Racing        | 2             | 49,318       | 9,400           |
| SINGLE BROAD       | Spring Run Farm LLC                | 2/27/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 62,540       | 5,170           |
| WILDLY GOOD LOOKIN | Judy Sessa                         | 2/27/2018        | Parx Racing        | 3             | 21,770       | 2,090           |



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## 2018 New Jersey-bred Foal Watch



**D' Funnybone** filly out of NJ-bred mare **Foxie Freesia**, by **Defrere**, was born Feb. 24 at **Hunter's Run Farm**. The filly was bred by **Nicholas and Joan Sacco**.



**John Bowers Jr's** homebred graded stakes winner **Smart N Classy** with her **Vancouver (Aus)** colt foaled Feb. 19. The colt is the fifth generation bred by **Bowers**.



**Bellamy Road** colt bred by **George and Margaret Schwartz**, foaled March 18, is out of \$578,400-earner, seven-time stakes winner and 2009 NJ-Bred Horse of the Year **Way With Words** (by **Sefapiano**).

## Monmouth Park Stakes Schedule for May and June

| Run Date | Stakes Name                    |           | Purse     | Division       | Distance        |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| May 5    | <b>Cliff Hanger Stakes</b>     | Listed    | \$75,000  | 3 and up       | 1 mile (Turf)   |
| May 12   | <b>Serena's Song Stakes</b>    |           | \$60,000  | F & M 3 and up | 1 mile 70 yards |
| May 19   | <b>Politely Stakes</b>         |           | \$60,000  | F & M 3 and up | 1 mile (Turf)   |
| May 26   | <b>Monmouth Stakes</b>         | <b>G2</b> | \$200,000 | 3 and up       | 1½ miles (Turf) |
| May 26   | <b>Salvator Mile</b>           | <b>G3</b> | \$100,000 | 3 and up       | 1 mile          |
| May 26   | <b>Boiling Springs Stakes</b>  | Listed    | \$75,000  | 3 YO Fillies   | 1¼ miles (Turf) |
| May 26   | <b>John J. Reilly Handicap</b> | NJ Breds  | \$60,000  | 3 and up       | 6 furlongs      |
| June 2   | <b>Tale of the Cat Stakes</b>  |           | \$60,000  | 3 YO           | 1¼ miles (Turf) |
| June 9   | <b>Ms. Liberty Stakes</b>      | Listed    | \$75,000  | F & M 3 and up | 1¼ miles (Turf) |
| June 17  | <b>Pegasus Stakes</b>          | Listed    | \$100,000 | 3 YO           | 1¼ miles        |
| June 17  | <b>Regret Stakes</b>           |           | \$75,000  | F & M 3 and up | 6 furlongs      |
| June 17  | <b>Mr. Prospector Stakes</b>   | Listed    | \$75,000  | 3 and up       | 6 furlongs      |
| June 17  | <b>Dan Horn Handicap</b>       | NJ Breds  | \$60,000  | 3 and up       | 1¼ miles (Turf) |
| June 23  | <b>Open Mind Stakes</b>        |           | \$60,000  | 3 YO Fillies   | 1¼ miles (Turf) |
| June 30  | <b>United Nations Stakes</b>   | <b>G1</b> | \$300,000 | 3 and up       | 1¾ miles (Turf) |
| June 30  | <b>Philip H. Iselin Stakes</b> | <b>G3</b> | \$100,000 | 3 and up       | 1¼ miles        |
| June 30  | <b>Eatontown Stakes</b>        | <b>G3</b> | \$100,000 | F & M 3 and up | 1¼ miles (Turf) |
| June 30  | <b>Lady's Secret Stakes</b>    | Listed    | \$75,000  | F & M 3 and up | 1¼ miles        |



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# North Carolina



THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

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## President's message

Thank you all that sent in your renewal memberships. By now, the subscription list is with the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* magazine and new members should be receiving the publication.

The Awards Event on April 28 at the Queen's Cup Steeplechase sold out. The board members and I appreciate the support of those attending. Since we are a statewide organization, it is essential that we hold our events in the various regions of North Carolina. We look forward to full attendance.

As many of you know, the NCTA is a State in-kind sponsor of The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP). The program encourages the adoption of off-the-track Thoroughbreds by awarding incentives to competitive adopters, registered in the program, in a variety of disciplines, both English and Western. There is even a recreational riding reward.

As a sponsor of the program, our responsibility is to provide the State Residency prize to the individual rider and horse who accumulate the most points in TIP registered horse shows in a calendar year. The 2017 winning team is Heather Mehal from Aberdeen, N.C., and her OTTB gelding Scat Daddy's Dream (shown as Living the Dream), aka Simon. They competed in Dressage and Eventing to earn their high-point status. Eighteen registered horse and rider teams competed in last year's approved shows.

Congratulations go out to Heather and Simon. On the following page is a table with the top-six point earners.

/Rebecca Montaldo

## Racing recap of NCTA winning runners

### February 25

GRAYCASTER prevailed at Santa Anita Park. The 3-year-old gray or roan gelding by Graydar out of Jocasater, by Service Stripe, broke from post 2 in a 5½-furlong maiden special weight, the fifth race on the card. Flavien Prat piloted him to lead all the way and cross the finish line 3 lengths in front of his rivals. Bred by Nancy Shuford, he was clearly the best.

### March 2

RICHIE THE BULL, a 5-year-old bay gelding by Benny the Bull, left post 8, stalked three wide on the turn, vied in the stretch and was drew clear under a strong ride by Floyd Wethey Jr. to win the seventh race, a 6-furlong Oaklawn Park claimer in which he ran for a \$40,000 tag, by 2¾ lengths. He is owned by Frank Coniglio in partnership. Nicely done!

LADRONA, a 4-year-old filly by Bodemeister ridden by Javier Castellano, broke from post 5, stalked the two front runners, moved up three wide outside to challenge for the lead in the far turn, was challenged again to the wire and held first in a Gulfstream Park maiden claiming race, race 3 at 1 mile on the turf, while in for a \$35,000 tag. Owned by Steve Laymon in partnership. Gutsy win!

### March 10

DIONYSUS' CHALICE, after being bumped at the start, raced in a three-way duel, drew clear through the rail and held to take first by a determined nose at Charles Town in a \$21,000 allowance at 4½ furlongs. The 3-year-old gelding by Fiber Sonde broke from post 1 in the third race. Bred and owned by Clint Lowry. Gutsy win!

### March 15

DRIP BREW, a 4-year-old North Carolina-bred filly by Yes It's True out of Sono-

rous, by Unbridled's Song, took command right from the start and pulled away in the stretch to win handily in an Oaklawn Park \$25,000 claiming race (first race) going 6 furlongs from post position 2. Bred by Frank Batten. Nice run!

### March 18

INCREMENTAL remained undefeated in 2018 when the 6-year-old by Flatter out of Sister Chelsey, by Chelsey Cat, won his second Sunland Park claiming race. The dark bay gelding was allowed to settle early before making a middle move along the backstretch. After going six-wide into the second turn he took control to clear the field by 4¼ lengths in the 1½-mile fourth race, breaking from post 5. Bred by Nancy Shuford. Undefeated!

### March 23

LADRONA continued her winning ways, as the 4-year-old Bodemeister filly, from post position 2, took an early lead, raced steadily inside, continued two-wide entering the far turn, was roused in the stretch and remained clear in the 1-mile Gulfstream Park starter race on the turf (race 8), with a purse of \$33,000 and a field of six. Owned by Steve Laymon in partnership. Two wins in a row!

### March 24

NAVY ARMED GUARD broke widest of all from post 6, vied outside to take an early lead on the backstretch, lengthen further away on the turn, responded when asked in the stretch and held to be alone at the wire in the third race at Tampa Bay Downs, a \$27,500 maiden special weight at 1 mile and 40 yards. The 3-year-old gelding by Midshipman out of Black Java, by Pine Bluff, is owned by Frank Coniglio in partnership. Well done!



## North Carolina State T.I.P. Residing Award Winners

| Place | JC Name           | Show Name        | Owner Name    | Disciple          | City          |
|-------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1     | Scat Daddy' Dream | Living the Dream | Heather M.    | Dressage/Eventing | Aberdeen      |
| 2     | Wrightgoodlion    | Solsbury         | Madison M.    | Hunter            | Cary          |
| 3     | Bobby's Bella Boo | Carry On         | Laura P.      | Dressage/Eventing | Winston-Salem |
| 4     | Star Factor       | Star Factor      | Alyssa Fisher | Hunter            | Maysville     |
| 5     | Jamoke            | Playboy          | Joyce G.      | Dressage          | Vass          |
| 6     | Son Ofa Prince    | Legal Limit      | Kathy C.      | Eventing/CT       | Kinston       |



North Carolina Residing Performance Award winner Scat Daddy's Dream, a son of Scat Daddy shown as Living the Dream, and owner/rider Heather Mehal competed in Eventing and Dressage in 2017.

## HITTING THE BOARD: February 2–March 18, 2018

| Date    | Horse             | Track            | Finished | Race Type                                      | Owner/Breeder                          |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2/25/17 | Graycaster        | Santa Anita Park | 1        | Maiden Special Weight 5 1/2 Furlongs           | Bred by Nancy Shuford.                 |
| 3/2/18  | Ladrona           | Gulfstream Park  | 1        | Maiden Claiming 1 Mile Turf                    | Owned by Steve Laymon in partnership   |
| 3/2/18  | Richie the Bull   | Oaklawn Park     | 1        | Waiver Claiming 6 Furlongs                     | Owned by Frank Coniglio in partnership |
| 3/10/18 | Dionysus' Chalice | Charles Town     | 1        | Allowance 4 1/2 Furlongs                       | Bred & owned by Clint Lowry            |
| 3/15/18 | Drip Brew (NC)    | Oaklawn Park     | 1        | Claiming 6 Furlongs                            | Bred by Frank Batten                   |
| 3/18/18 | Incremental       | Sunland Park     | 1        | Claiming 1 1/8 Miles                           | Bred by Nancy Shuford                  |
| 3/23/18 | Ladrona           | Gulfstream Park  | 1        | Starter Optional Claiming (no tag) 1 Mile turf | Owned by Steve Laymon in partnership   |
| 3/24/18 | Navy Armed Guard  | Tampa Bay Downs  | 1        | Maiden Special Weight 1 mile 40 yards          | Owned by Frank Coniglio in partnership |
| 3/3/18  | Our Biz           | Charles Town     | 2        | Maiden Special Weight 6 1/2 Furlongs           | Bred & owned by Clint Lowry            |
| 3/7/18  | Fifty Shades      | Mahoning Valley  | 2        | Claiming 6 Furlongs                            | Bred by Nancy Shuford                  |
| 3/9/18  | O Shea Can U See  | Aqueduct         | 2        | Maiden Claiming 6 Furlongs                     | Owned by Dan Shea                      |
| 3/14/18 | Nickie's Papa     | Tampa Bay Downs  | 2        | Allowance Optional Claiming Race 6 Furlongs    | Owned by Frank Coniglio                |
| 3/24/18 | Indigo Heart      | Aiken            | 2        | Hurdle Handicap 2 miles turf over fences       | Owned by William & Carrington Price    |
| 3/4/18  | Triangulate       | Aqueduct         | 3        | Maiden Claiming 6 1/2 Furlongs                 | Bred by Nancy Shuford                  |
| 3/4/18  | Hot Mesa          | Aqueduct         | 3        | Maiden Claiming 6 1/2 Furlongs                 | Bred & owned by Elizabeth Houck        |
| 3/10/18 | Frost Wise        | Aqueduct         | 3        | Heavenly Prize Invitational Stakes 1 Mile      | Owned by George & Stephanie Autry      |
| 3/14/18 | Sober on Sunday   | Gulfstream Park  | 3        | Claiming 7 1/2 Furlongs Turf                   | Bred by Steve Laymon with Partners     |
| 3/14/18 | Allegheny MacGraw | Charles Town     | 3        | Maiden Claiming 7 Furlongs                     | Bred & owned by Clint Lowry            |
| 3/17/18 | Mopotism          | Santa Anita Park | 3        | Santa Margarita Stakes (G1) 1 1/8 Miles        | Bred by Frank Batten                   |
| 3/18/18 | Sweet Legal (NC)  | Camarero         | 3        | Claiming 5 1/2 Furlongs                        | Bred by Nancy Shuford                  |

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## Catlaunch—a true work of art

By John C. Engelhardt

Catlaunch will go down as one of Ohio's all-time legends. He touched the lives of many and just as many individuals helped his career both on and off the track, and continue to do so. His 108-race career almost never got off to a start. Trained early in his career by Ohio's "El Gran Senor" Luis "Albert" Palacios—a five-star polo player from Argentina whose image once graced the cover of *Life* magazine—Catlaunch barely averted a career-ending injury while heading to his first start.

Catlaunch was a headstrong individual at the racetrack, and Palacios learned early on to let him have his way. "He has to be the first horse out of the shedrow and on the track or he'll bust through the webbing," Albert stated. His early morning enthusiasm did not escape the keen eye of veteran River Downs clocker Richard Baily. "Palacios has a really nice big brown 2-year-old," he told me in confidence, as Baily was known to make a wager on promising first-time starters. That first start never took place at River Downs.

Led into the paddock for his debut, Catlaunch became unglued facing this new experience and fought his groom until he flipped and somehow wedged his head under the wooden planked fence surrounding the walking ring. As he thrashed his legs in panic he became stuck even farther under the fence. Quick thinking paddock farrier Gil Roser rushed to the scene and, from the other side of the fence, took action and popped Catlaunch's head out with a swift kick. Needless to say, when he got back up on his legs the bloodied Catlaunch did not make for a pretty picture after the debacle and was quickly scratched by the stewards.

With his summer debut at River Downs on hold, Palacios nursed him back to health and he made it to the races at

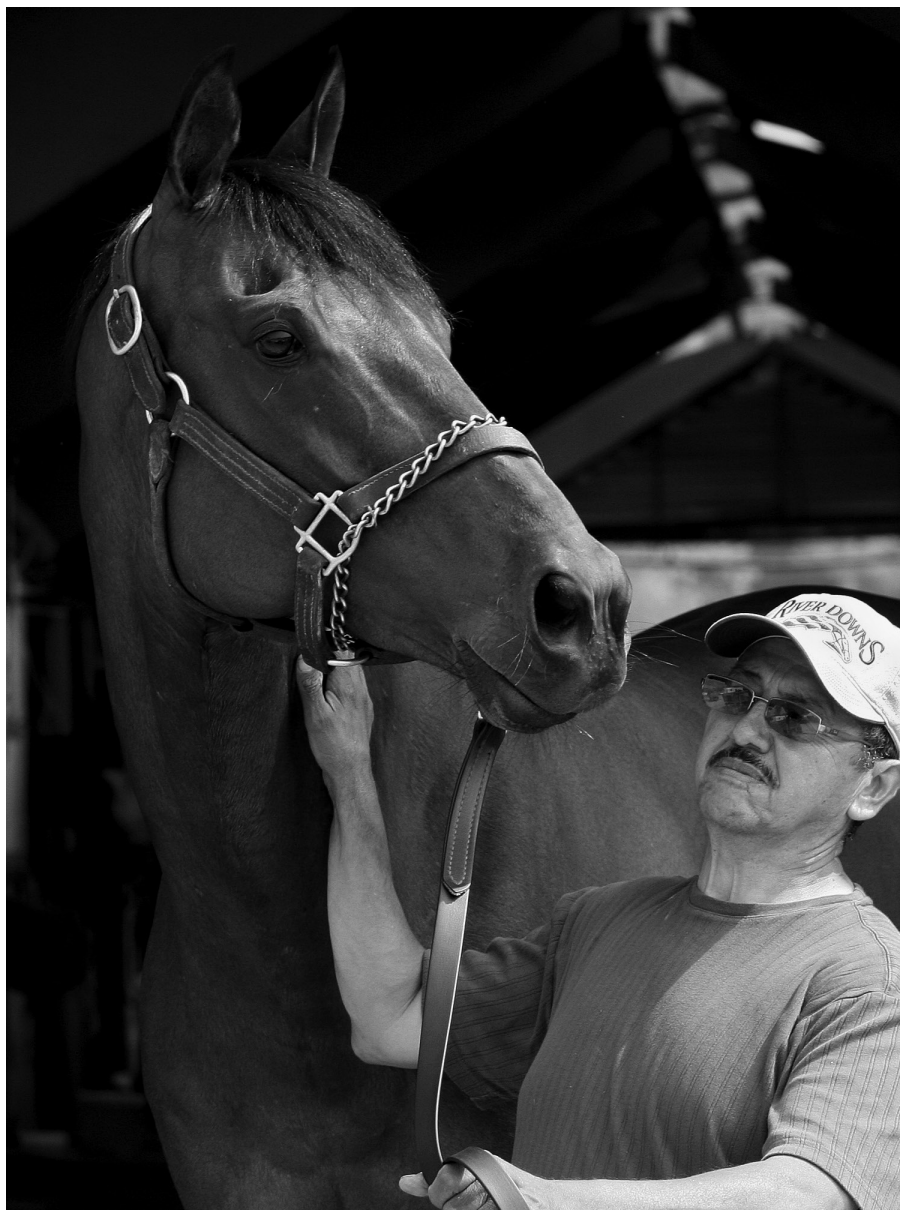


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Beulah Park, where he missed in his maiden start by a half length. When he won his third outing at 2, the legendary run began, resulting in 40 wins, 24 of them stakes ranging in distance from 6 furlongs to 1¼ miles, and earnings of \$1,122,309. While Palacios brought him along patiently to win five races, he never got to see him win a stakes when he was tragically killed in a car accident that was no fault of his own in September 2005.

Owner/breeder Ron Fields then entrusted the care of the 4-year-old son of Noble Cat out of Skilaunch, by Relaunch, to Albert's longtime assistant Ivan Vazquez, as well he should have. I remember after Albert won the leading trainer title at River Downs he asked me if I could have another trophy made. I obliged, not knowing why he needed two. Albert always threw a big picnic on his "Big Boy" Farm in Morrow, Ohio, where his many





Ivan Vazquez and 24-time stakes-winning millionaire Catlaunch.

farm hands and assistants lived with their families. After they had enjoyed the barbecue, Albert asked for their attention. At that point I saw him slip the second Leading Trainer trophy out of the hidden box and he asked Ivan to come forward. To capsule his presentation he said, “While this honor was bestowed on me—this is the real man who deserves this trophy.” There were cheers and tears and a point well taken.

Ivan guided the career of Catlaunch to three Ohio Horse of the Year honors and those 24 stakes wins. How many trainers can keep a horse sound enough to win a stakes race at the age of 12? Catlaunch was such a fan favorite that River Downs had a t-shirt giveaway day in his honor. I recall being with Michael Blowen at River Downs during an Old Friends Fund-

raiser and he said, “What a horse! When he retires I’d love to have him at our farm as an example of how a horse with heart, when well cared for, can run to his potential for so many years.” True to his words, Michael spoke to Ron Fields when Catlaunch’s racing days were done and the gelding has been a farm favorite for years at Old Friends. Vazquez and jockey Megan Fadlovich still make visits to the farm to catch up with the now 17-year-old.

Stage left—now entering into the life of Catlaunch are retired jockey Joe Steiner and his greatly accomplished wife Dagmar Galleithner. I became Facebook friends with Dagmar when she lived in Germany over a decade ago. She had posted amazing equine images that just jumped off the screen. Her realistic portrayals made you seriously question if

they were paintings or photos. She requested images of some of racing’s greats and I was more than happy to send them along hoping she might work from one someday.

The artist Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner was raised in Bavaria, Germany, and horses have been an essential part of her life since childhood. While in college, she worked at Daglfing, the harness racetrack in Munich, grooming, hot walking, and exercising horses as well as helping to retrain and rehome those done with racing careers. It was at the tracks, both harness and Thoroughbred, that Galleithner-Steiner earned her first commissions as a painter from various owners and trainers who wanted portraits of their horses. After studying American cultural history, architecture, and art history in Germany, Galleithner-Steiner moved to the U.S. in 2013 to share her life with new husband Joe J. Steiner, who was then a jockey in the Southern California racing circuit. In 2015, the couple welcomed their first child, son Jonah.

They gravitated to the bluegrass of Kentucky to the quaint town of Georgetown—location of Old Friends Farm. Joe would make frequent visits to the farm to visit an actual old friend, Hall of Famer Silver Charm. Joe was Bob Baffert’s exclusive exercise rider for the gray colt during his Triple Crown run of 1997, flown in for all of his works leading up to his wins in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and his gut-wrenching three-quarter-length loss in the Belmont Stakes. At Old Friends Catlaunch was the paddock pal of another Baffert-trainee, the six-million-dollar man Game On Dude, and Dagmar got a close up look at the 17-hand Ohio champion. There was an instant connection.

Months later, Joe would create a special relationship with Catlaunch—not through the eyes of an artist, but through the caring hands of a therapist. Joe went to Germany and met with Dagmar’s idol as a little girl, the renowned therapist Linda Tellington-Jones, famous for what is now known as Tellington TTouch. “In European countries they prefer not to medicate and are very holistically minded and she taught me the uses and application of a medical device called a Bemer that is both a blanket and spot specific for circulation,” said Joe, who uses it regularly now on the horses retired at Old Friends.



"I went to the farm manager when I got back and asked if I could work on a horse with serious issues and he took me to Catlaunch's new paddock.

"As he made his way to the fence line, you could see something wasn't right and I went to work on him in the mornings and again in the evenings for a neurological disorder in the back end with the Bemer," Joe stated. "He realized I was there to help and started looking forward to it. I went looking for him one day and he was out running, kicking and squealing with the other guys. He's such a cool horse, I only see him three times a week now. When I saw 'Dagi's' painting of him I almost cried."

The horse that used to charge his webbing to get out to the track first had grown into a mellow fellow that you could feed carrots to with your teeth and get a kiss at the end. Dagmar respected his blue-collar work ethic that saw him complete his 108-race career. He will now be a part of the forthcoming coffee table book, *The Art of Old Friends*, that she has crafted for seven-plus years as an ode to the farm's famous and not-so-famous retired athletes. "I wanted to create something for people that have not been able to visit the farm, says Galleithner-Steiner. "I wanted them to feel like they have been here. And the honor to immortalize these amazing athletes is one of the greatest feelings one could ever experience."



Artist Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner with her husband Joe Steiner and their son Jonah.

As an owner and breeder, it is a special feeling knowing that one of our own, an accredited Ohio-bred, has such an impact on so many people. Now his image will remain in perpetuity alongside those who have won Kentucky Derbies, Breeders' Cup races and are enshrined in the Racing Hall of Fame. In the words of John Lennon—"A workingman's hero is something to be."

Editor's note: *The Art of Old Friends* will be released this summer. In a unique

marketing concept, the book is being offered in a variety of packages (nine levels). Starting with an autographed copy, each additional level offers special artist items, including bookmarks, note cards, posters, concept drawings, an original Remarque pencil drawing, 8"x10" signed artists sketches, and an original oil, painted, matted and signed. You can find details on Old Friend's website, and pre-order at 502-863-1775.

## Tango Run dances to the first stakes win of the season in the \$75,000 Southern Park at Mahoning Valley

**T**rainer William "Doug" Cowans came into the first Ohio Fund stakes of 2018 with both barrels loaded as his trainees ran a clear 1-2 in the Southern Park at Mahoning Valley March 24. Tango Run, the leading money-winning 2-year-old filly in Ohio last season, continued her winning ways and showed maturity while showing a new rating style of run.

The favorite in the field of seven was Cowans-trained Fancy Feelin, winner of her only race at 2 by 9/4 lengths over eventual stakes winner Pure Justice. Owned and bred by Patricia and Dan Yates, the daughter of Jimmy Creed out





## Tango Run *continued*

of Rush to War had a series of solid works for her 2018 debut, capped by a bullet 4-furlong effort the week before the race. Breaking from the inside, she was away quickly and extended her lead by 2 lengths after a half mile of the 6-furlong test.

Under regular rider Rex Stokes III, Tango Run settled in fifth, was asked for run into the turn, and responded willingly. The stablemates met up as they straightened into the lane and Fancy Feelin wasn't giving up without a fight. They matched strides until the sixteenth pole when Tango Run pulled away to prevail by 2 lengths. It was another 5 lengths back to two-time winner Dotthei. Tango Run ran the distance in 1:14.85 and pushed her five-race career earnings to

\$169,500 while recording her third Ohio stakes win.

"The horses wintered for about 70 days at Brian Waltz' farm in Batavia over the winter and then I had them at Turfway Park up to their first breezes," said Cowans, who splits his stable between Turfway and Mahoning and eventually Belterra Park and Thistledown as the season progresses. "While I try to get to both tracks on a regular basis, I don't have to worry because they are in good hands with Jorgie Hernandez who has been part of the team for 18 years. When I call to check with him, by now he knows what I'm thinking before I say it.

"We met with the jockeys before the race and figured Walter De La Cruz had to go a little quicker out of the inside post than we preferred, to get position," Cowans stated. "Tango Run has never lost

while sprinting, but Fancy Feelin has the pedigree and running style that says she may do well at longer distances." In her only career loss, Tango Run finished third behind Missap and Ucantkeepup in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile \$150,000 John W. Galbreath Stakes last October.

Tango Run is by Darby Dan Farm stallion Run Away and Hide out of Thedoctorscat, by Tale of the Cat. Bred by Dr. Harold Fishman, she was foaled and raised at Fair Winds Farm, operated by Fishman's daughter Lori and husband Kim Williams. Offered at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Sale in 2016, the bay filly was purchased by O.T.B.O. member Mike Foster for \$32,000. Boarded at Fair Winds Farm, Thedoctorscat has a Kettle Corn yearling filly and foaled a colt by Itsmyluckyday March 20. She is scheduled to be bred to Dominus this year.

## Four-time sprint champion Rivers Run Deep back on track for 7-year-old campaign

Ohio's most recent millionaire, Rivers Run Deep, is now 7 years old and he's already proving he is no worse for the wear. Trainer Chris Hartman has never been afraid to travel to compete with Ready's Image's look-alike son. Last season he competed at six different tracks on dirt, mud and turf. He started his 2018 campaign with an off-the-pace win against proven company at Oaklawn Park March 10.

In the field was multiple graded stakes sprinter St. Joe Bay who was good enough to finish fourth by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths to Mind Your Biscuits in the \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1 at Meydan in 2017; Smarty Jones Stakes winner Uncontested; Imma Bling, a sprint stakes winner who came into the race off three consecutive wins; sprint stakes winner Rockshaw and multiple sprint stakes winner Recount,



the latter a third-place finisher in the \$125,000 King Cotton in February.

Ridden patiently by David Cabrera, Rivers Run Deep rated kindly in mid-pack and responded quickly when asked in the final sixteenth to get up over favorite Recount and win by a half length. It was his 20th win from 40 lifetime starts and pushed his career earnings to \$1,126,765. He travelled the 6 furlongs in a sprite 1:09.63, earning a 104 Beyer figure.

Out of Music Miss, by Prospector's Music, Rivers Run Deep was bred by Nancy J. Lavrich and Walmac Farm LLC. He is owned by Ywachetta and James Driver. It has been indicated by his connections that when he does retire, they will be looking to stand him at stud in Ohio.

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- **Early registration:**  
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**  
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**  
Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:**  
Dec. 1 or 14 days after a public sale or entering state if being bred back to PA-sire

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## Charly making a little magic in Pennsylvania

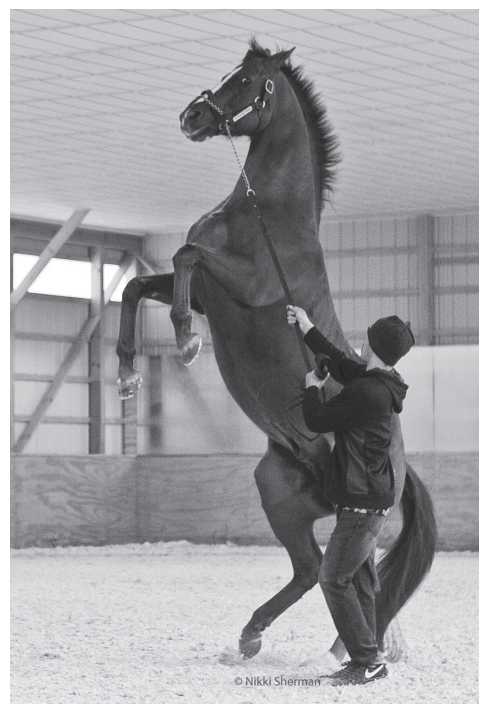
By Robert L. Hutt

As they say in Hollywood, life imitates the movies.

My late best friend was trainer Alan Seewald, who unexpectedly passed away eight years ago this April while Uptowncharlybrown was on the Triple Crown trail. Alan thought Uptowncharlybrown was the best of his generation and once turned down \$2.5 million for 'Charly' as he's affectionately known.

At the same time, we also had a top-class filly in the barn who was turning heads by the name of R Betty Graybull. Betty was a multiple stakes winner and earned nearly a half-million dollars. Among her many victims with her patented last-to-first style was Grade 2 winner Quiet Giant (now best known as the dam of Gun Runner) in the Ladies Handicap. We used to tease Alan all the time that we were going to breed Betty to Charly while he wasn't looking. Unfortunately, fate had other plans for all involved.

Betty was subsequently sold to Adena Springs for \$300,000. With Alan's passing, what Charly couldn't prove on the racetrack because his career was short circuited because of injury, he's now proving as a prolific sire. Through late March, Charly was the number one third-crop sire in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region. He's produced 80 percent winners, with his progeny averaging nearly \$60,000 per starter. Three



Uptowncharlybrown having fun at Diamond B Farm.

different offspring have won by margins of greater than 10 lengths and already exceeded \$100,000 in career earnings.

If that wasn't enough, Midtowncharlybrown is among the finalists for Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old top male honors of 2017, with six wins from nine starts, including a stakes-placing. Charly's daughter, Dixie Serenade, was among the top 2-year-old Pennsylvania-bred fillies last year. The filly is already a winner this year and is being pointed for stakes competition.





**Like a Hollywood movie: R Betty Graybull with her 2018 Uptowncharlybrown filly.**

Charly's current crop of juveniles are training up a storm in Ocala, Fla. It won't be long until we unveil the most powerful group of his sons and daughters yet.

Yes, you can say Pennsylvania is being very well represented by the Uptowncharlybrown progeny. Everywhere I go these days I'm being congratulated about

Charly's success as a stallion. In the next breath I'm often asked about the Pennsylvania state-bred program.

Everyone can see the tremendous breeding award money being offered. I often feel as if I'm the ambassador from Pennsylvania promoting the program, but it's all true!

We believed so much in the Pennsylvania program that we continued to purchase quality broodmares to support Uptowncharlybrown, and we now proudly own 15. Bar none, Pennsylvania offers the best state-bred program in the land.

We still had one piece of unfinished business that was eight years in the making. When we noticed R Betty Graybull was set to be auctioned off in November 2015, one of our partners successfully bid \$110,000 to get her back. He did so with only one thought in mind, that is, to make a little magic! On March 4, we were blessed with the arrival of a gorgeous and perfectly-balanced Uptowncharlybrown PA-Bred filly out of R Betty Graybull. You've heard the expression 'Only in Hollywood?' Well introducing Pennsylvania's version of "Only in Pennsylvania". . .

May I suggest you run, don't walk, to buy yourself a broodmare as the Pennsylvania state-bred program will reward you many times over. As they say in the movie *Back to the Future*: To Be Continued. . .

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Breeding season is well in swing so if you haven't bred yet don't miss the opportunity. Go to [pabred.com](http://pabred.com) and take a look at our Stallion and Boarding Farm Directory. It's not too late!

This year's Iroquois Banquet will again be held at The Hotel Hershey, on Friday, June 8, beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Come out and help us honor our PA-Bred Stakes and Award Winners. It's a great opportunity to share your ideas with the leading breeders in Pennsylvania, meet

our board members or just come out for an evening of fun.

Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez will be our keynote speaker, and we will debut the Million-Dollar Round Table for all PA-Bred horses that have accumulated over \$1 million in earnings along with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

On Saturday, June 2, Penn National will be hosting one of its biggest race nights of the year, featuring the \$500,000 Penn Mile for 3-year-olds and

three PA-Bred \$100,000 stakes. What a night! Hope to see you there. Don't forget about our Annual Membership Meeting at the Kennett Square Country Club on May 23 at 4 p.m. Please call and we'll save you a seat. Go PA!!





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|                         |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat., April 28<br>Parx  | <b>\$100,000 Lyman S</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur.                                           |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.                     |
| Sat., June 2<br>Penn    | <b>\$100,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf    |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur.                                             |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 New Start S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.                                  |
| Sun., July 8<br>PID     | <b>\$100,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi.                                          |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.                  |
| Sat., July 21<br>Parx   | <b>\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S</b> , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf                  |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf                           |
| Sat., Aug. 4,<br>Penn   | <b>\$100,000 Robellino S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., off turf               |
| Sun., Aug. 5,<br>PID    | <b>\$100,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.                                |
| Sat., Sept. 1<br>Parx   | <b>\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S</b> , 3 & up, 6 fur.                             |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.                           |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Power by Far S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf             |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.   |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf |
| Sun., Sept. 2,<br>PID   | <b>\$100,000 Mark McDermott S</b> , 2YO, 6 fur.                                     |
| Sun., Sept. 16,<br>PID  | <b>\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.              |
| Sat., Sept. 22,<br>Parx | <b>\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf               |
| Sat., Oct. 6<br>Parx    | <b>\$100,000 Plum Pretty S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.      |
| Wed., Nov. 21,<br>Penn  | <b>\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.             |
| Sat., Dec. 1,<br>Parx   | <b>\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.             |

Total: \$2,750,000

# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018, rounded to dollars)

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

| Breeder Name                    | Breeder | Stallion | Total   | Breeder Name         | Breeder | Stallion | Total  |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| WynOaks Farm LLC                | 74,326  | 26,468   | 100,794 | Barlar LLC           | 20,512  | 1,274    | 21,785 |
| Donald L. Brown Jr.             | 40,725  | 10,845   | 51,570  | Shirley A. Lojeski   | 20,330  | 0        | 20,330 |
| William J. Solomon VMD          | 31,668  | 17,923   | 49,590  | Pewter Stable        | 16,947  | 2,520    | 19,467 |
| Arrowwood Farm Inc.             | 36,862  | 0        | 36,862  | Richard N. Miller    | 17,424  | 259      | 17,683 |
| Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.        | 26,992  | 6,748    | 33,740  | Thomas G. McClay     | 17,481  | 0        | 17,481 |
| Patricia L. Chapman             | 20,336  | 11,556   | 31,892  | Sylmar Farm Inc.     | 16,459  | 0        | 16,459 |
| Blackstone Farm LLC             | 29,058  | 0        | 29,058  | E. Marie Morrison    | 16,398  | 0        | 16,398 |
| Glenn E. Brok LLC               | 14,195  | 11,383   | 25,577  | Ney Pessanha         | 16,212  | 0        | 16,212 |
| Xanthus Farms Inc.              | 23,757  | 1,037    | 24,794  | R H Breeding LLC     | 16,058  | 0        | 16,058 |
| Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 0       | 23,097   | 23,097  | Everest Stables Inc. | 5,264   | 9,957    | 15,221 |
| St. Omer's Farm                 | 22,952  | 0        | 22,952  | Maria M. Haire       | 15,129  | 0        | 15,129 |
| Smart Angle LLP                 | 22,172  | 0        | 22,172  | Pamela Arnold        | 14,880  | 0        | 14,880 |

## LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

| Stallion Name      | Stallion Owner / Manager        | No. of Races | Award Total | Stallion Name      | Stallion Owner / Manager        | No. of Races | Award Total |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Weigelia           | WynOaks Farm LLC                | 34           | 26,468      | Silver Train       | Henry R. Nothhaft               | 19           | 3,582       |
| Jump Start         | Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 57           | 17,964      | Lite the Fuse      | William J. Solomon VMD          | 11           | 3,101       |
| Smarty Jones       | Patricia L. Chapman             | 46           | 11,556      | El Padrino         | Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 7            | 3,056       |
| Messner            | Donald L. Brown Jr.             | 16           | 10,845      | Andiron            | Tea Party Stable Inc.           | 15           | 2,979       |
| Petionville        | Everest Stables Inc.            | 28           | 9,957       | Cat Thief          | Michael W. Jester               | 13           | 2,684       |
| Any Given Saturday | William J. Solomon VMD          | 16           | 7,380       | Congressionalhonor | Pewter Stable                   | 2            | 2,520       |
| Uptowncharlybrown  | Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.        | 9            | 6,748       | Show Tune          | Kathryn Goldenberg              | 4            | 2,447       |
| Talent Search      | Glenn E. Brok LLC               | 20           | 5,722       | Activist           | Judith M. Barrett               | 10           | 2,439       |
| Got the Last Laugh | Glenn E. Brok LLC               | 8            | 5,711       | City Sharpster     | Charles A. Cuprill              | 13           | 2,178       |
| Rimrod             | George Strawbridge Jr.          | 18           | 5,479       | Fairbanks          | Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 25           | 1,747       |
| Formal Dinner      | Frazier Estate LLC              | 3            | 4,097       | Albert the Great   | William J. Solomon VMD          | 12           | 1,589       |
| Offlee Wild        | William J. Solomon VMD          | 18           | 3,837       | Lyracist           | Mouse House Farm LLC            | 3            | 1,512       |

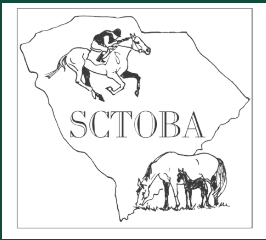
## LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

| Horse                | Pedigree                            | Breeder                         | Races | Restricted | Stakes | Breeder Award | Stallion Award | Owner Bonus | Total  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|------------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Ruby Bleu *          | Messner - Ruby Soul                 | Donald L. Brown Jr.             | 2     | 0          | 0      | 25,200        | 6,300          | 18,000      | 49,500 |
| Isabella Swift *     | Weigelia - Polar Miss               | WynOaks Farm LLC                | 1     | 0          | 0      | 15,792        | 3,948          | 11,280      | 31,020 |
| Risque's Diamond *   | Weigelia - Diamonds No More         | St. Omer's Farm                 | 2     | 0          | 0      | 15,792        | 3,948          | 11,280      | 31,020 |
| Formal Class *       | Formal Dinner - Sure Class          | Richard N. Miller               | 2     | 0          | 0      | 16,387        | 4,097          | 6,828       | 27,312 |
| Chasing My Halo *    | Weigelia - Halo Effect              | WynOaks Farm LLC                | 2     | 0          | 0      | 13,978        | 2,906          | 8,304       | 25,188 |
| Pink Princess *      | Weigelia - Katarica Disco           | WynOaks Farm LLC                | 2     | 0          | 0      | 12,768        | 3,192          | 9,120       | 25,080 |
| Soaring Rosa         | Soaring Empire - Zarzuela           | Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC        | 2     | 0          | 0      | 10,304        | 0              | 14,720      | 25,024 |
| Hibernia Diamond *   | Any Given Saturday - Shoe Babe      | E. Marie Morrison               | 2     | 0          | 0      | 12,096        | 3,024          | 8,640       | 23,760 |
| Pinatubo             | Quality Road - Charlie My Girl      | Smart Angle LLP                 | 2     | 0          | 0      | 11,076        | 0              | 11,884      | 22,960 |
| Sweet Maggie Mae     | Wild And Wicked - Tacky Affair      | Ocean Breezes Racing Stable LLC | 2     | 0          | 0      | 9,344         | 0              | 13,348      | 22,692 |
| Love Rules           | Not For Love - Rules R Rules        | Michael E. Gorham               | 2     | 0          | 0      | 8,960         | 0              | 12,800      | 21,760 |
| Wonderfully Tuned *  | Show Tune - Eyes So Wandoful        | KGHP LLC                        | 2     | 0          | 0      | 12,236        | 2,447          | 6,992       | 21,675 |
| Laughing Best *      | Got the Last Laugh - Neigh O Me     | Pamela Arnold                   | 3     | 0          | 0      | 14,880        | 3,720          | 3,040       | 21,640 |
| Papa Jones *         | Smarty Jones - Last Toots           | Patricia L. Chapman             | 2     | 0          | 0      | 10,976        | 2,744          | 7,840       | 21,560 |
| Roxbury N Overton *  | Andiron - Centennial Cat            | Jettany Thoroughbred Corp.      | 2     | 0          | 0      | 10,416        | 2,604          | 7,440       | 20,460 |
| Forest Fire          | Friesan Fire - Majestic Forestry    | Shirley A. Lojeski              | 1     | 0          | 0      | 9,450         | 0              | 10,800      | 20,250 |
| Superling *          | Congressionalhonor - Big Panda      | Pewter Stable                   | 2     | 0          | 0      | 10,080        | 2,520          | 7,200       | 19,800 |
| Fielder              | Sidney's Candy - Karakorum Fugitive | Henry R. Nothhaft               | 2     | 0          | 0      | 8,423         | 0              | 11,040      | 19,463 |
| Ignite *             | Jump Start - Perverse               | Barlar LLC                      | 3     | 0          | 0      | 10,472        | 2,618          | 6,160       | 19,250 |
| Hearty Jones *       | Smarty Jones - Philly Gal           | Main Line Racing Stables LLC    | 3     | 0          | 0      | 9,688         | 2,422          | 6,920       | 19,030 |
| Pop Keenan           | Eskendereya - Afleet of Angels      | Charles J. Zacney               | 1     | 0          | 0      | 7,728         | 0              | 11,040      | 18,768 |
| Smokinpaddylassie    | Paddy O'Prado - Smoking Kitty       | Richard Simoff                  | 1     | 0          | 0      | 7,728         | 0              | 11,040      | 18,768 |
| Charlybrown's Rose * | Uptowncharlybrown - Ambling Rose    | Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.        | 1     | 0          | 0      | 9,072         | 2,268          | 6,480       | 17,820 |
| Nikki's Bad          | Awesome Again - Nec Metu            | Blackstone Farm LLC             | 2     | 0          | 0      | 7,840         | 0              | 8,960       | 16,800 |

\*Denotes PA-sired





# South Carolina

## Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

### Racing Across the Nation

South Carolina farms and training centers were represented by four stakes winners between Feb. 21 and March 20.

On March 3, Promises Fulfilled lived up to his name, capturing the Fountain of Youth Stakes-G2 at Gulfstream Park. This 3-year-old stakes is a major stepping stone on the Triple Crown trail. Promises Fulfilled broke on top and never looked back. He led by a length at the quarter-pole, was challenged, then pulled clear inside the eighth-pole, winning by 2¼ lengths. Prepared for racing by Franklin "Goree" Smith at the Elloree Training Center, this colt captured three of his first four starts.

Harlan Punch won two races in six days. After proving best in an Aqueduct allowance March 4, he returned to the starting gate March 10 and proved much the best in the Stymie Stakes over the same surface. Stalking the leader, three wide, Harlan Punch took command approaching the quarter pole and drew off to win by 7 lengths. The 5-year-old gelding learned his early lessons under the direction of Travis Durr at the Webb Carroll Training Center in St. Matthews.

On March 17, Camelot Kitten, also a graduate of Durr's program, came from off the pace to reach the wire first in the Kentucky Cup Classic Stakes at Turfway Park. While in the five-path in the turn for home, Camelot Kitten steadily closed the gap and got up to win by a half length.

Lewisfield led the field into the stretch in the Not For Love Stakes at Laurel Park March 17, lost the lead approaching the eighth-pole, but would not be denied. He came back to cross the finish line a length in front. Lewisfield has spent time in South Carolina with both Goree Smith and Shuler Stables. This was his second victory in a row and fifth from seven starts.

### Sheppard dominates at Aiken Steeplechase

The 52nd Aiken Spring Steeplechase was held March 24 at Aiken Horse Park Foundation's Bruce's Field with a large, festive crowd in attendance. Tailgating was the theme of the day.

Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard captured three of the six races on the day. His victors included KMSN Stable's Inverness, Riverdee Stable's Bite the Bit and KMSN Stable's Able Arch, the latter winner of the featured Budweiser Imperial Cup.

Kilronan was the best in the first of two flat races. He is owned by J. David Richardson, Richard Knapp and Bob Agrello and trained by SCTOBA member Arch Kingsley.

Another winner with South Carolina connections was Street Passage, owned by Sue Sensor. Sue and her husband, George, are SCTOBA members.

Irv Naylor, prominent on the leading owner's list year after year, captured his first win of 2018 with Change of View.

### 56th running of Elloree Trials a huge success

Recipe for great springtime fun: Mix in beautiful weather, lots of tailgating, seven Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred races at Goree Smith's Elloree Training Center and you have FUN, FUN, and more FUN.

This was what happened at the 56th running of the Elloree Trials March 24. From the opening sky dive to the running of the Elloree Cup, everyone had a grand time.

Individuals with an outstanding day were:

- Riding triple by Mario Lopez, winning the sixth, seventh and 10th races.
- Riding double by Alfredo Pena, capturing the third and fifth races
- Training double by Jason McCutchen, winning the sixth and seventh races.

But the winners weren't all on the racetrack as Kinsley McGee (1-6 year olds), Cali Thornton (7-13 year olds), and Dorothy Anderson (14 year olds and above) won the Trials hat contest.

Capturing the Best Tailgate contest was a group effort with Mickey Wilkerson, Linda Joyce, Melody Pinckney and Jimmy Brown putting together the winner with a tailgate dedicated to Ellen Brown, Chris Pinckney and Al Wilkerson. This group just bested the Goat Island Boat Club, a tailgate lot designed by Rebecca Myers, Sarah Carroll and Nancy Smith.

So as the sun set and everyone headed home, the talk was what to do for the 57th Elloree Trials next year.

### Aiken Trials kick off SC Triple Crown

The 76th Aiken Trials was a fun filled day March 17. This event marked the beginning of the Aiken Triple Crown. The Aiken Steeplechase followed the next Saturday, March 24,

and a day featuring polo games was on display the following Saturday.

The Aiken Trials was a mixture of pony races and Thoroughbred trials. The 2-year-olds covered a quarter-mile from

the starting gate while the older horses went a half-mile from the gate. Many owners and trainers use these races as a learning experience and tune-up before racing at tracks such as Keeneland and Woodbine.

Woodbridge, owned by Aiken's Gustav Schickedanz, a member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, and local resident Don Howard, won the featured race, the City of Aiken Trophy, for the second year in a row. Trainer Mike Keogh campaigns his horse at Woodbine and brings his stable to Aiken for the winter.

Also on the local front, Ron and Kathy Madden's Gallanor won the Gaver Trophy. This 2-year-old filly is trained by Aiken-based Marcus and Crystal Ryan (Mason Springs).

Other trainers in South Carolina, including R.B. McCutchen from



Gallanor, a 2-year-old filly based in Aiken with Marcus and Crystal Ryan at Mason Springs, takes the Gaver Trophy.

Kingstree and Travis Durr from St. Matthews, bring their young horses for the learning experience. The

McCutchen Stable won three races on the day with Big Bruiser, Sun Dress and Even It Up.

## South Carolina-trained winners

| Horse              | Training Center                     | Date    | Track           | Type of Race           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Quest for Fire     | Custom Care - Donna Freyer          | 3/18/18 | Aqueduct        | Maiden special weight  |
| Sapphire Jubilee   | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/18/18 | Gulfstream Park | Maiden special weight  |
| Backyard Heaven    | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/17/18 | Aqueduct        | Allowance              |
| Brazilian Symphony | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/17/18 | Parx Racing     | Allowance              |
| CAMELOT KITTEN     | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/17/18 | Turfway Park    | Kentucky Cup Classic S |
| LEWISFIELD         | Elloree Training Ctr/Shuler Stables | 3/17/18 | Laurel Park     | Not For Love S         |
| Miss Mi Mi         | Aiken - J. Wojczynski               | 3/17/18 | Aqueduct        | Maiden special weight  |
| South Beach        | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/17/18 | Oaklawn Park    | Allowance              |
| Madison Avenue     | Aiken - Cary Frommer                | 3/16/18 | Laurel Park     | Maiden special weight  |
| Atreyu             | Shuler Stables                      | 3/15/18 | Charles Town    | Allowance              |
| Built That Way     | Rentz Farm                          | 3/15/18 | Penn National   | Allowance              |
| Sneaky Cowgirl     | Rentz Farm                          | 3/15/18 | Penn National   | Claiming               |
| Via Leone          | Shuler Stables                      | 3/15/18 | Charles Town    | Allowance              |
| Curlins Vow        | Elloree Training Center             | 3/11/18 | Fair Grounds    | Allowance              |
| Dionysus Chalice   | Rentz Farm                          | 3/10/18 | Charles Town    | Allowance              |
| HARLAN PUNCH       | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/10/18 | Aqueduct        | Stymie S               |
| To Dare            | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/7/18  | Gulfstream Park | Starter allowance      |
| Grazen Honor       | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/5/18  | Parx Racing     | Maiden special weight  |
| Truly Hot          | Rentz Farm                          | 3/5/18  | Laurel Park     | Claiming               |
| Elevenes           | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/4/18  | Gulfstream Park | Allowance              |
| Harlan Punch       | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/4/18  | Aqueduct        | Allowance              |
| In Arrears         | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/4/18  | Laurel Park     | Starter allowance      |
| Smart Spree        | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/4/18  | Oaklawn Park    | Starter allowance      |
| Atreyu             | Shuler Stables                      | 3/3/18  | Charles Town    | Maiden special weight  |
| Mattyice           | Shuler Stables                      | 3/3/18  | Charles Town    | Maiden special weight  |
| Not Fake News      | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/3/18  | Penn National   | Maiden special weight  |
| PROMISES FULFILLED | Elloree Training Center             | 3/3/18  | Gulfstream Park | Fountain of Youth S-G2 |
| M G Warrior        | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 3/1/18  | Fair Grounds    | Maiden special weight  |
| My Sister Mary     | Shuler Stables                      | 3/1/18  | Charles Town    | Maiden special weight  |
| Arklow             | Elloree Training Center             | 2/24/18 | Fair Grounds    | Allowance              |
| C Islandsurprise   | Elloree Training Center             | 2/24/18 | Fair Grounds    | Allowance              |
| Flash Drive        | Rentz Farm                          | 2/24/18 | Aqueduct        | Allowance              |
| Venomous State     | Rentz Farm                          | 2/24/18 | Penn National   | Allowance              |
| Vici               | Holly Hill - Jane Dunn              | 2/24/18 | Tampa Bay Downs | Allowance              |
| Brass Bull         | Shuler Stables                      | 2/23/18 | Charles Town    | Allowance              |
| Scholar Athlete    | Kirkwood Stables                    | 2/23/18 | Tampa Bay Downs | Allowance              |
| Zanesville         | Webb Carroll Training Center        | 2/21/18 | Delta Downs     | Allowance              |





# VIRGINIA

## Dates Announced for 2018 Virginia-Bred Racing Series in Maryland; Trainer/Owner Bonus Program Added to the Series



Above: Northern Eclipse, bred by Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Firestone, wins an allowance race at Laurel in July. Photo courtesy of Jim McCue.



Above: Ring Knocker, bred by Morgan's Ford Farm, won almost \$200,000 in 2017. Photo courtesy of Adam Coglianese.

The series of Virginia-bred races in Maryland that has been so popular the past several years will return again in 2018 and will feature a new format. Previously, the three separate Saturday programs shared a combination of stakes and maiden events. The new version will offer maiden races on Friday and stakes exclusively on Saturday. A total of 18 races will be carded --- 13 stakes and five maiden races..

Two other aspects are new. A \$20,000 Trainers and Owners bonus program will offer awards to the overall top five leading trainers and owners that participate in the series. Points over the 18 scheduled races will be totaled at the end. Trainers and owners will be awarded five points for a win, four points for second, three points for third, four points for fourth and one for every finisher after fourth place. \$10,000 will be awarded for first place, \$4,000 for second, \$3,000 for third, \$2,000 for fourth and \$1,000 for fifth.

Horses that entered the new Virginia certified residency program will be eligible to compete in one of the maiden races and could potentially enter a stakes race as well. A 5 1/2 furlong maiden sprint for two-year-olds is slated for Friday August 3rd and is open to Virginia-bred, sired or certified horses. The Jamestown Stakes, slated for September 22nd, could include certified horses if there are less than six Virginia-bred or Sired horses entered.

## Iselin's, Keswick Stables and Audley Farm Top The List Of 2017 Leading Virginia Breeders

The list of top Virginia breeders by 2017 purse winnings has been announced, and horses bred by Mr. & Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III led the way with \$934,958 in earnings. Their American Dubai kicked off the year with four straight wins at Sunland Park and by year's end, had bankrolled \$332,310 from nine "in the money" finishes. Other top Iselin-bred performers included Hold Me Black (\$63,856), Swordfish (\$60,654) and Drop Dead Red (\$42,870). Sadly, Mr. Iselin passed away in November.

Stellar Wind, 2017 Virginia-bred Horse of the Year and Champion Dirt Mare, scored a natural hat trick with three consecutive Grade I stakes wins last year in the Apple Blossom, Beholder Mile and Clement Hirsch Stakes. Those triumphs equated to \$800,000 in earnings and allowed her breeders --- Peggy Augustus's Keswick Stables and Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC. --- to finish in second place with \$801,200.

Audley Farm was third thanks to a breakout campaign from Greylvitos, who positioned himself as a 2018 Triple Crown trail contender with a win in the Remington Springboard Mile. Combined with a victory in the Grade 3 Bob Hope Stakes, the Malibu Moon colt completed the year with \$306,345 in earnings. Other noteworthy horses were Simmstown (\$57,513), Unpredictable (\$48,520) and Aljuljalah (\$43,695). In all, 15 Audley horses combined to win \$694,256.

Morgan's Ford Farm, who finished fourth in the standings, bred a trio of \$100,000 earners last year. Ring Knocker (\$199,666), Queen Caroline (\$115,318) and River Deep (\$119,300) combined with 18 others to earn \$654,065. Ring Knocker captured the Xtra Heat Stakes, Queen Caroline prevailed in both the Broommeade and Nellie Mae Cox Stakes and River Deep, who was co-bred by F and F Stable, won four straight races last fall at Laurel.

A pair bred by Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Firestone also hit six digits in earnings to help them finish fifth in the standings. Northern Eclipse (\$146,635) won the Camptown Stakes and had 9 "top three" finishes, while Special Envoy captured a Virginia-bred stakes in each of the three special Commonwealth programs at Laurel. The 7 year old Stroll gelding was best in the Edward Evans, Bert Allen and Hansel Stakes. Other top Firestone performers like Armoire (\$72,390) and Dapper Dan (\$55,500) contributed to their \$586,0127 total.

\*Series is pending approval of the Virginia Racing Commission.



Above: Rapid Rhythm was one of six horses bred by Lazy Lane Farms to win over \$39,000 last year. Photo courtesy of Jim McCue.

The William Backer Revocable Trust was next with \$511,754 thanks to a number of consistent showings. Ten of their horses earned over \$20,000 and interestingly, the two highest earners never reached the winner's circle last year. Chorus Line (\$70,865) had six "in the money" finishes between New York tracks and Monmouth while Divine Interventio had five straight second or third place finishes on the New York circuit as well. Other top Backer horses were Buckys Pick (\$54,430) and Going Rate (\$34,416).

Six horses bred by Lazy Lane Farms won \$39,000 or more in 2017. Rapid Rhythm (\$77,094), Lenstar (\$72,273), Carbon Data (\$66,380), Sweet Sandy (\$56,962) Sambrook Edge (\$47,390) and Cryptos' Holiday

(\$39,300) all chipped in toward a \$456,537 total figure. Rapid Rhythm won a pair of stakes at Fair Grounds --- the Mardi Gras and Richard Scherer Memorial.

A dozen horses bred by Larry Johnson earned over \$15,000 last year, topped by Do What I Say (\$51,935) and Magician's Vanity (\$48,590). The former captured the

Tyson Gilpin Stakes at Laurel while the well traveled latter horse bagged a win at Laurel, two runner-ups at Saratoga and a second and third at Gulfstream. In all, Johnson-bred horses earned \$391,333.

Snow Lantern Thoroughbreds (\$306,485) and the Estate of Edward Evans (\$284,849) round out the list of top breeders. Snow Lantern's Long On Value did not gain a win last year but did bankroll \$302,225 from solid efforts at Woodbine, Saratoga, Gulfstream and Meydan Racecourse. The Edward Evans-bred Code West earned \$149,700 from a triumph in Zia Park's Veterans Stakes and from another six stakes where he finished fourth or better.

## Virginia Gold Cup Races Slated For Saturday May 5th

The annual Virginia Gold Cup Races will be held at Great Meadow in The Plains on Saturday May 5th. A crowd of 70,000 is expected again and they will be treated to an afternoon of tailgating and fancy hat competitions, terrier races, and both pari-mutuel steeplechase and flat horse races. Tailgating spots are available on Members Hill, the North Rail and South Rail. Opening ceremonies begin at 12 Noon and the first race begins at 12:30 PM. The Gold Cup itself is slated for 3:30 PM and a trio of flat races will follow including the Secretariat Stakes. The Kentucky Derby simulcast will conclude the day's festivities at 6:46 PM. Details are available at [www.vagoldcup.com](http://www.vagoldcup.com) or by calling 540-347-2612.

## Update/Correction

In last month's Virginia-Bred article, Horse of the Year Stellar Wind's trainer was noted as Chad Brown. Mr. Brown did train Stellar Wind in her final career race this January (Pegasus World Cup). During 2015-2017, when she achieved most of her success, John Sadler was the trainer.



Close to 70,000 fans are expected to turn out for the Virginia Gold Cup on May 5th.

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# West Virginia

## THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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## Why Thoroughbred horse racing?

by Jeff Gilleas

What is it about the relationship/connection of a man or woman to a horse, particularly in the Thoroughbred industry, that compels one to get up before the sun has properly been put to rest, seven days a week, 365 days a year, without fail?

I don't profess to be a soothsayer or the repository of all human experiences in the quest for this answer, but since the age of 6 years old, I too have been a prisoner of this mysterious irresistible impulse.

For decades, my family has speculated why I love horses and horse racing, yet never truly touched on the appropriate solution.

It must be the financial reward!

Let me quickly dispel that myth, especially in my case.

Sure, I have had years of gainful employment in this business, sometimes referred to as the "Sport of Kings," but trust me, monetarily I would be characterized more as Runyonesque than nobility.

My early indoctrination into the game wasn't evocative of the pictorial line in a Journey song, "the smell of wine and cheap perfume," but more a mixture of gamblers adorned with colorful monikers.

The dingy grandstand at now defunct Bowie Race Course was my classroom and my heroic father the teacher.

Clad in the outfit of the period, a London Fog trench-coat, he looked analogous to hundreds in attendance. With a program clinched tightly in his substantial hand, a cigarette smoldering from his lips and *Daily Racing Form* peeking from his pocket we strode together while eliciting comments from his cohorts, Hard Times, the Two-Dollar Kid, Harry the Horse and Dan the Man.

It was 6-5 that later in the afternoon I would bump into at least one of our Saturday afternoon acquaintances, while searching for treasure (multiple-colored tickets)

and they would regrettably oblige me.

The air was heavy with smoke, I guess the Surgeon General's warning hadn't reached the masses yet, but my vantage point was ground level and unobstructed, until dad hoisted me on his sizable shoulders to capture a glimpse of why we came. . . a thrilling horse race!

The noise was deafening, as the starter sent the field away from the gate.

I would agitate my father continuously repeating, "Where are we, where is our number 5?"

Through the jeers and cheers he always remained composed and smiling, stating "we'll get 'em next time pal."

You see, he didn't go for the gambling, the friendships, the hot dog and Coke (I did relish those). My father loved horse racing, the majesty of the animal and athleticism of the jockeys.

I too was hooked!

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Scroll forward 10 years and I got my first job on the racetrack... hot walker.

My father had made the acquaintance of a trainer by the paddock and he opted to do dad a favor.

So, that Sunday morning, prior to church, yard work and our Lord's Day family dinner, I had a paying engagement.

Attired in my one pair of tight disco pimp shoes, bell bottoms and dress shirt, I walked 11 horses that dawn, 30 minutes each, and earned \$11.

When my father picked me up, he looked at the sunrise family breadwinner, and asked, "Are you alright?"

I was trying to peel my shoe off, which concealed a substantial blister smeared with blood, as I responded, "Yes sir, good, great, thank you sir."

He cast me one of those eye-rolling expressions, I knew so well, as I exposed my commercial bounty for the day.

During college, I continued to work at any position that the stable foreman saw fit to provide.

I learned the fine art of mucking stalls, disinfecting feed tubs and water buckets, leveling the shedrow, washing bandages, holding horses for the blacksmith and cleaning tack.

Every minimum paying, grungy job became my specialty and I treated them all with high regard.

After turning down offers to the Air Force Academy and a 50/50 shot at Georgetown Law School, both courtesy of my father, I took out my initial trainer's license.

Idiot, you say?

Well, probably you were or are correct. I will never lie and say I wouldn't change a proverbial thing in my life, but it did afford me the most intense highs and lows of my being, met countless friends and established time-honored friendships.

It also answered many questions on why women gravitate to the world of Thoroughbred racing.

Approaching the age of 30, I was consumed with the idea of marriage and children (remember we are Catholic), so I began the search for a viable candidate and life partner.

I found someone that fit my criteria: one, being an intense passion for horses, and two, racing.

I now envision my ex, as that character in *Gone With the Wind*, spoiled as a child, pony, riding lessons, an avid equestrian.

She competed quite successfully in a male dominated profession and could gallop a tough horse with the best of them.

Like me her motto was early to bed, early to rise.

One factoid on the racetrack I found dead on target was that women were never perceived to be too delicate to handle any job.

There might exist a 'Good Ole Boys Club' at the track, but that's only there to make men feel better about themselves.

I firmly believe that women can have a better connectivity with a horse, may be better at task management and certainly able to empathize better with our four-legged creatures.

Presently, every large stable has women performing important job functions and are integral components to success.

They attend the races in large numbers, own, train, ride, gamble and, unlike many sports, their participation is not hampered by old fashioned archaic rules and regulations.

Women don't avoid male competition, they embrace it!

The Thoroughbred racehorse is coveted by both species.

The popularity of this game depends upon it.

Today, racing is creating an environment where sports fans can become emotionally invested in the activity.

Men and women compete equally on the same playing field, far different than football, baseball, basketball or hockey.

Horse racing is a global sport, an international commodity and one in which I continue to be an enthusiastic fan, supporter and plebeian in.

Nowadays, when I visit the grave of my father, at Arlington National Cemetery, I still kneel and ask his forgiveness for many sins in my life, but never my involvement in the world of Thoroughbred horse racing.

## NOTES TO MEMBERS

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, [racing.wv.gov](http://racing.wv.gov).

◆ If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired horse, please contact the WVTBA. The WVTBA has started supplying sellers of **accredited WV-bred and/or sired horses** with **hip stickers and stall-card stickers** to make it easier for buyers to identify these horses. Contact the WVTBA office at (304) 728-6868 or by e-mail at [wvbreeders@gmail.com](mailto:wvbreeders@gmail.com).

◆ **WV Certificates** will be issued seven to 10 days after the WVTBA receives the original registration form application, all required paperwork and payment.

◆ **We've moved!** The new WVTBA office is located at 110 South George Street, Suite 4, Charles Town, WV 25414. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More information may be found at [www.wvtba.net](http://www.wvtba.net).



MAY 2018



# Chasing

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## Large crowds and competitive races kick off record spring schedule

The 2018 National Steeplechase Association kicked off in March with large crowds and competitive racing under bright skies in South Carolina.

The Aiken Spring Steeplechase and Carolina Cup Races traditionally launch the NSA season, which this year is likely to offer record spring purses exceeding \$2.8-million.

Aiken Spring welcomed spring with its March 24 meet at Bruce's Field. Always a sellout, Aiken Spring served up six races, four over hurdles, while its capacity crowd enjoyed the racing and temperatures in the 70s.

The meet's traditional feature race, the Budweiser Imperial Cup, this year was a ratings handicap for horses ranked at 110 or lower. KMSN Stable's Able Archer proved much the best in a field of seven and triumphed by 10 1/2 lengths under 2016 champion jockey Kieran Norris. Racing Hall of Fame member Jonathan Sheppard trained the winner.

The action shifted on March 31 to Camden's Springdale Course for a record-smashing 84th edition of the Carolina Cup Races. The spring fixture offered a record \$325,000 in purse money and was keyed by the meet's richest-ever race, the \$150,000 Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup (Gr. 1).

Formerly run in the fall, the Colonial Cup added an early top-ranked race to the spring schedule. The spring's other Grade 1 race is the \$200,000 Calvin Houghland Iroquois at the Iroquois Steeplechase on Saturday, May 12.

The Colonial Cup, shortened to 2 3/8 miles, attracted a competitive field of established stars and promising newcomers from the novice ranks. Stonelea Stables' Balance the Budget,



*Stonelea Stables owner Robert Bonnie and trainer Julie Gomena greeted jockey Mark Watts and Balance the Budget after the nine-year-old cruised to a front-running victory in the \$150,000 Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup at the Carolina Cup Races.*

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always dangerous on firm footing, burst away to a yawning early lead and came home to a 6 1/4-length victory under Mark Watts.

A nine-year-old by Bellamy Road, Balance the Budget is trained by Julie Gomena, wife of Stonelea owner Robert Bonnie. He scored his second consecutive graded victory, after a front-running score in the International Gold Cup's

David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial (Gr. 2) last October.

The Colonial Cup's \$90,000 first-place purse put Virginia-based Gomena atop the trainer standings by purses through the season's first two weekends. Sheppard led the trainer standings by wins with four. Jockeys Jack Doyle and Gerard Galligan had two wins apiece.



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## A message for 2018 NSA season: “Mutual professional respect”

Jack Sanford Jr. noted that he was not in his accustomed place in the jockeys' room. A Charlottesville, Va., business executive who has served as a steward for 30 years, he is accustomed to being on the periphery, listening to race officials address the jockeys before their races.

But Sanford has a new role, as a member of the National Steeplechase Association's Stewards Advisory Committee (SAC), on which he now serves with Chairman Dwight Hall and Duncan Patterson.

On March 31, he was standing in the center of the jockeys' room at the Carolina Cup Races in Camden, S.C.. Asked by Hall to speak before the races, he had a respectful audience that, when he completed his brief remarks, applauded him.

His message was for the jockeys and for all members of the steeplechase racing community: owners, trainers, and officials as well.

He distilled his message into three words: Mutual professional respect.

Most members of the steeplechase community live by those three words, but there are occasional lapses when, as occurs in any sport, emotion gets the better of good sense. To address the lapses, the NSA has adopted a Code of Conduct that states:

“As a condition of license all NSA licensees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the best interests of racing. Any conduct deemed to be detrimental to the sport, the NSA, or the individual race meets and their representatives will subject the offender to a fine or suspension, or both, in accordance with the NSA Rules of Racing.”

“This policy should act as our guide, not as our hammer,” Sanford said. “Remember every participant in this sport is licensed, every single



*Jack Sanford Jr., a longtime steward and the newest member of the Stewards Advisory Committee, addressed the jockey colony at the Carolina Cup Races on March 31.*

BILL GALLO JR. PHOTO

owner, every trainer, and every jockey. We, the SAC, serve at the pleasure of the Board, and the president is here in the room with us, and the Stewards serve at our pleasure. Every race meet is sanctioned. So we are all tied together for the best interest of racing.”

He said the purpose of the code “is to remind ourselves constantly of how we as a major sport expect our participants will be treated. We should be mindful and cognizant to treat our volunteers, our race sponsors, our owners, our racing public, and most especially each other politely and

professionally.”

He emphasized that those participants in jump racing make it all possible. “Remember we are putting on a show every weekend for them, we are under a microscope of sorts, and we want to put our best foot forward so they will continue to support us by buying tickets, getting new sponsors, and raising our purse structures.

“Without the support of all those folks outside the jockey's room, we would not have a reason to be here on any Saturdays going forward,” Sanford said.

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**April 14** My Lady's Manor

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**April 28** Maryland Hunt Cup

**April 29** Maryland Junior Hunt Cup

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# Looking Back

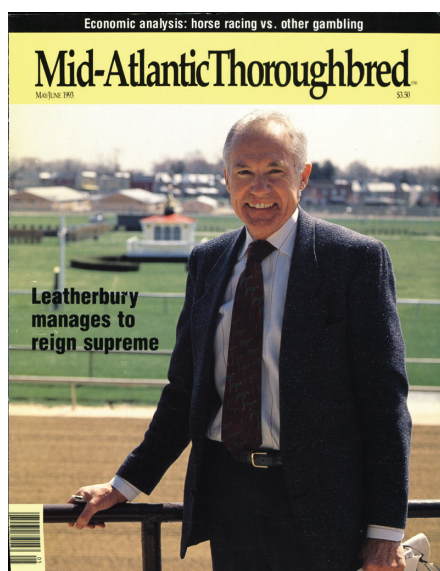
## 25 years ago

■ The first bi-monthly issue of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* made its debut, and future Hall of Fame trainer King T. Leatherbury appeared on the cover as he approached the 5,000-win milestone.

Writer Jack Mann examined the career of Maryland's legendary trainer, which began in 1958 at Sunshine Park in Florida with a small string of horses owned by his father Taylor Leatherbury. "For the first six years of his career he never claimed a horse," wrote Mann. Influenced by the operation of Grover "Buddy" Delp, Leatherbury launched a claiming operation and followed Delp's pattern to success. "Bud set the standards for the rest of us," said Leatherbury, "because he was such a fierce competitor. . . The man impressed me."

Wrote Mann: "Being a horse trainer, Leatherbury's way, is doing everything that's fun about racing, just about all the time, and not doing most of what isn't fun."

■ Pennsylvania resident Victoria Calantoni was voted TOBA Owner of the Month for March after her 6-year-old Sir Beaufort captured the Santa Anita Handicap-G1.



Purchased as a weanling for \$7,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale from breeder Buckland Farm, Sir Beaufort was raised on Calantoni's farm in Grantville. When the Virginia-bred colt showed promise at 2, his owner contacted California trainer Charlie Whittingham, who agreed to take him.

"Charlie always felt the horse had potential. But he was tough. If Charlie had had any hair, he used to tell us, he would have pulled it out," said Calantoni.

A 17-hand gray by Pleasant Colony, Sir Beaufort ran his streak of top-two finishes to seven, six in graded stakes, with his Big 'Cap win, which pushed his earnings to \$1,112,255.

He was the top-ranked runner in the nation as determined by the Thoroughbred Racing Communications.

■ Danny Fitchett didn't feel like a hero, but the reaction by Pimlico's head assistant starter to a bizarre accident during training hours saved the life of exercise rider Clayton Beck, who was being electrified by the starting gate as the horse he was on was killed. "I knocked him off," said Fitchett matter of factly. "A guy needed help, and I tried to help him." The accident occurred when an electrical cord was draped over the gate in heavy rain. "He was a silver lining in a very dark cloud," said Dickie Small, who trained Beck's ill-fated mount, Fox Brush.

■ Southwest-based Honor the Hero, one of three stakes winners bred by Edward P. Evans over a three-week period, equaled the world record for 6 furlongs (1:06.80) in winning the Phoenix Gold Cup-G3 at Turf Paradise. Other Evans' bred stakes winners were Fairy Garden (The Very One) and Oaklawn Park winner Mr. Scrooge (Old Rosebud), the latter campaigned by the breeder.

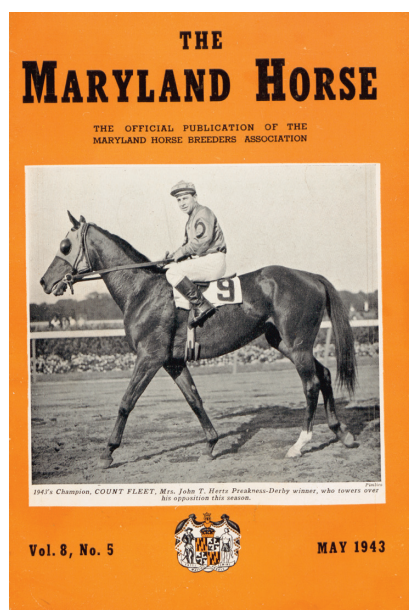
## 75 years ago

■ Mrs. John D. Hertz's Count Fleet towered over his competition in the spring of 1943.

"Count Fleet, seemingly on his way to join the turf greats of all time, romped to an easy victory in the historic Preakness as nearly 30,000 people roared their acclaim as the son of Reigh Count sped through the stretch. . ." wrote Don Reed in his coverage of the upended racing season in Maryland.

Bowie and Havre de Grace did not have spring meets due to wartime travel restrictions. The proceeds of the first five days of Pimlico's 20-day meet went to the National War Fund—a total of \$79,251.27 was presented.

Many racing pundits predicted poor attendance and slumping betting, but the



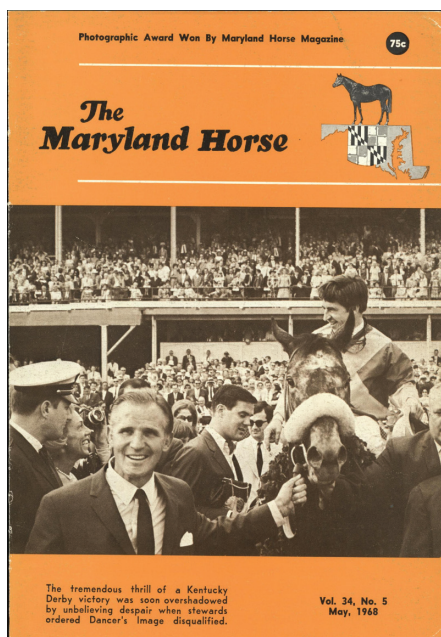
Pimlico meet final figures showed the highest daily handle marks since before the depression in 1929.



Bill Passmore Jr. (left), at age 10 aboard timber stakes winner Speculate, learning from his father, steeplechase rider/trainer William Passmore.

"From all sections of the city and from all walks of life, patrons of the Thoroughbred found their way to the [Maryland] Jockey Club's plant by street cars and buses, and there were comparatively few automobiles except on Preakness Day—thus indicating a real desire on the part of the public to cooperate with the gasoline and rubber edicts," reported Reed.





## 50 years ago

■ *The Maryland Horse* cover said it all: "The tremendous thrill of a Kentucky Derby victory was soon overshadowed by unbelieving despair when stewards ordered Dancer's Image disqualified."

Peter Fuller's dream of breeding and owning a Derby winner lasted less than four days when the urine test for his Maryland-bred Native Dancer colt came back positive for phenylbutazone (Bute). Mrs. Gene Markey, owner of second-place finisher Forward Pass, said "I'm awfully sorry for Mr. Fuller. . . It's such an awful thing—to go through the ecstasy of winning the Kentucky Derby and then have it taken away from you."

Fuller responded to the findings: "I don't know if the drug was used at all, but I know that it wasn't used illegally."

*Dancer's Image was the first, and remains the only, winner of a Triple Crown race to be disqualified.*

## 10 years ago

■ As director of racing at Laurel and Pimlico, Georganne Hale was pushing to keep Maryland racing competitive in a harsh economic climate.

Hale was the first, and at the time, only woman to serve as racing secretary at a major race track in North America, taking the position in 2000 after being first hired at Timonium in 1986. "It was a big deal, but I had to work at it," said Hale. "I wanted to do a good job, but it was a lot of stress. Not until a few years ago did I realize I didn't need to be nervous."



Mountain Dew leads Haffaday over the 11th fence in the 1968 Maryland Hunt Cup.

■ The Maryland Hunt Cup was a tale of two horses, as Redmond C. Stewart Jr.'s Haffaday completed a great spring campaign by easily winning under 26-year-old Louis "Paddy" Neilson III, while 13-year-old Mountain Dew, one of Maryland's greatest timber horses seeking his fourth Hunt Cup victory, pulled up lame after the 20th of 22 fences.

Said Mountain Dew's 70-year-old owner/trainer, Janon Fisher Jr.: "This wasn't as bitter a pill as you might think. If you had a way to choose Mountain Dew's last race you'd want him to run his best and not be disgraced. And that was the way he ran. . ."

*Mountain Dew bowed a tendon and never raced again, but he spent a number of years in the hunting field for Janon Fisher's daughter Kitty Jenkins before retiring for good at her farm at age 18. He was 24 when put down due to deteriorating health late in the summer of 1979. Fisher died earlier that year at age 81.*

■ Mountain Dew had shown great form in the Grand National in Butler the week before the Hunt Cup, leading nearly all the 3 miles and 18 fences and turning

back Haffaday to record his sixth win in seven years.

■ The first foal for Native Dancer's 1966 Kentucky Derby winner Kauai King was born at Glade Valley Farm near Frederick, Md., in March. Out of the stakes-placed Greek Song mare Seventh Muse, the colt was bred by Dorothea Foote.

*Named Hooki Lau, the colt became one of a handful of stakes winners for his sire when taking Fonner Park's 1973 Gus Fonner Handicap.*



Kauai King's first foal was a future stakes winner.

## MID-ATLANTIC Thoroughbred



■ Groundbreaking for Philadelphia Park's stand-alone casino took place March 18 in the area previously used for the track's front parking lot. State and local officials, along with representatives of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, wielded silver shovels to launch Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment's \$350 million facility that the company was required to build in order to retain its slots license. The new casino, which would house 4,000 slot machines, was scheduled to be completed by late 2009.



# Mellon's 'old favorite' Fort Marcy, a star on turf

*In the 20th century, 63 runners bred in the Mid-Atlantic were named national champions. Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred takes a look at one of those luminaries.*

The first time Fort Marcy headed to Pimlico was in May 1970. The Rokeby Stable runner was 6 years old, making his 60th start, and had already been named champion turf horse twice (at 3 and 4). His previous year was considered an "off year," although he won four stakes and placed in four others from nine turf starts, but he hadn't been to the winner's circle in more than eight months. He entered the Dixie off two gut-wrenching finishes in April (a nose behind the dead-heating Fiddle Isle and Quicken Tree in Santa Anita's San Juan Capistrano, and missing by the same margin to Quilche in the Century at Hollywood).

The Maryland crowd had no concerns, sending him off as favorite in the field of 10. He won with authority, set a course record of 2:27.40 for the 1½ miles (a mark which still stands), and was on his way to a career best season which would result in Horse of the Year, champion older horse and champion grass horse titles, as well as breaking the \$1 million mark in earnings.

A Virginia-bred son of Virginia stallion \*Amerigo, Fort Marcy was the second foal



for Paul Mellon's homebred Key Bridge, a daughter of \*Princequillo. Mellon named him for the Civil War fort (now part of the National Park Service) not far from the Key Bridge on the Virginia side of Washington, D.C.

Fort Marcy won once in 10 starts at 2, and after only one win in his first seven starts at 3, Mellon and trainer Elliott Burch decided to sell the gelding in a horses-in-training sale at Belmont Park that June.

When Fort Marcy recorded his first win on the turf in an allowance a few weeks before the sale, his connections reconsidered. A final bid of \$77,000 was made by trainer

Syl Veitch, on Mellon's behalf. Two days later, Fort Marcy won the Long Branch at Monmouth, the first of a four-stakes win streak. He added a fifth stakes win in an all-out battle with Damascus in the Washington, D.C., International, which was decided by a nose and sealed a championship.

The gelding handled transcontinental travel with ease, and on his first trip to California in 1968, he won Hollywood Park's Sunset Handicap by a nose over Quicken Tree in a 1½-mile course record 2:26.60. The next year, Fort Marcy added the Hollywood Park Invitational Turf Handicap. He won stakes at 10 tracks across the country.

In 11 straight races in 1970, he was never worse than third, set another 1½-mile course record (2:26.60) in Belmont's Bowling Green Handicap and, in capturing his second Washington, D.C., International, became a millionaire. He retired the next year with a record of 75-21-18-14, with 16 stakes wins and earnings of \$1,109,791.

Described by Mellon as "my old favorite," Fort Marcy was inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame in 1998. He was 25 when he died in 1991 at his birthplace, Rokeby Farm in Upperville. The outer version of Laurel Park's turf course is named for Fort Marcy.

## The rise of the American sporting newspaper

*The National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Va., is dedicated to preserving, sharing and promoting the literature, art and culture of horse and field sports. For more, see [nslmblog.wordpress.com](http://nslmblog.wordpress.com).*

In 1830, William T. Porter left the peaceful countryside of rural Vermont for New York City. Porter (1809-1858) was a man with a dream. He had a vision of launching his own newspaper dedicated to sports of all kinds, modeled after the fashionable London newspapers that chronicled the day-by-day activities of popular horse races, prominent fox hunts, and gave advice on raising dogs, fly fishing, shotgunning trips, and even billiards matches.

By 1831, Porter made his dream a reality with the launch of *Spirit of the Times*. Porter was the owner and editor, and his four brothers were his business partners in the venture. *Spirit of the Times* grew a large audience in the American southwest, focusing on the active racing scene in the antebellum South. Porter encouraged humorous and satirical entries,

and the *Spirit* played a significant role in popularizing the American tall tale. By 1839, *Spirit of the Times* was the most popular sporting periodical in the United States.

The history of *Spirit of the Times* is fractured and difficult to trace in its earliest roots, and things became complicated in the 1850s. In 1856, Porter sold his ownership to George Wilkes (1817-1885), staying on as editor until his death in 1858.

Abraham Dayton, a former employee at *Spirit*, launched a rival publication in 1859, called *Porter's Spirit of the Times*, creating a confusing rivalry of weekly sporting newspapers with very similar names. After a court case regarding the use of Porter's name, the original *Spirit* was re-christened *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*.

The Civil War tore apart American society, including the sporting and publishing world. *Porter's Spirit of the Times* struggled through the war, and was eventually reunified as *Spirit of the Times* under Wilkes, who served as editor and publisher until his death. However, as the war raged, another luminary

of sporting newspaper history was rising to military prominence.

Sanders D. Bruce (1825-1902), originally from Lexington, Ky., had joined his state's militia as a captain in 1859, following John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry. When the Civil War began, Bruce chose to fight for the Union, taking a promotion to Colonel in the 4th Division of the Army of the Ohio. The highlight of Col. Sanders Bruce's military career was leading his brigade in the Battle of Shiloh, but he was obliged to resign his commission in 1864 due to heart trouble.

Following the war, Bruce relocated to New York and launched his own sporting newspaper called *Turf, Field and Farm*. The new paper received an instant boost by purchasing much of its infrastructure and equipment from *Spirit of the Times*, which was struggling through reduced wartime readership. The two papers vied with each other for decades, and within a few years of the war, *Turf, Field and Farm* and *Spirit of the Times* made up two of New York's three most popular newspapers.



# CALENDAR

## MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS

### Charles Town

P.O. Box 551, Charles Town, W.Va. 25414.  
(304) 725-7001; (800) 795-7001.  
Racing Secretary: Charles McIntosh.  
Racing dates: Jan. 10 to Dec. 22;  
www.ctownraces.com.

### Delaware Park

777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington, Del.  
19804. (302) 994-2521;  
(800) 441-6587 (outside Del.); fax (302)  
993-8952. Racing Secretary: Jerome

Doro. Racing dates: May 30 to Oct. 20;  
www.delpark.com.

### Laurel Park

P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301)  
725-0400, (410) 792-7775;  
(800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary:  
Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to  
May 6; www.marylandracing.com.

### Meadowlands

East Rutherford, N.J. 07073. (201)  
842-5130. Racing Secretary: John Heims.  
Racing dates: Sept. 14 to Sept. 29;  
www.thebigm.com.

### Monmouth Park

175 Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, N.J.  
07757. (732) 222-5100;  
fax (732) 571-8658. Racing Secretary:  
John Heims. Racing dates: May 5 to  
Sept. 9; www.monmouthpark.com.

### Parx Racing

P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-  
2096. (215) 639-9000; (800)  
523-6886. Racing Secretary: Sam Elliott.  
Racing dates: Jan. 1 to Dec. 29;  
www.parxracing.com.

### Penn National

P.O. Box 32, Grantville, Pa. 17028.  
(717) 469-2211; (800) 233-8238.  
Racing Secretary: Jenny Bowman.  
Racing dates: Jan. 3 to Dec. 29;  
www.pennnational.com.

### Pimlico Race Course

5201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md.  
21215. (410) 542-9400; (800) 638-  
1859. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale.  
Racing dates: May 10 to May 28;  
www.marylandracing.com.

### Presque Isle Downs

8199 Perry Highway, Erie, Pa. 16509.  
(866) 374-3386; pidracing@pidowns.  
com. Racing Secretary: Allan Plover.  
Racing dates: May 14 to Oct. 4;  
www.presqueisledowns.com.

## OTHER TRACKS

**Arlington Park**—May 4 to Sept. 22  
**Belmont Park**—April 27 to July 15  
**Belterra Park**—April 27 to Sept. 30  
**Churchill Downs**—April 28 to June 30  
**Del Mar**—July 18 to Sept. 3  
**Ellis Park**—July 1 to Sept. 23  
**Finger Lakes**—April 21 to Nov. 28  
**Golden Gate Fields**—Dec. 26 to  
June 12  
**Gulfstream Park**—April 4 to Sept. 29  
**Hastings**—April 21 to Oct. 14  
**Horsemens Park**—May 12 to June 9  
**Indiana Grand**—April 17 to Nov. 7  
**Lone Star Park**—April 19 to July 22  
**Los Alamitos**—June 28 to July 15  
**Louisiana Downs**—May 5 to Sept. 26  
**Mountaineer**—April 14 to Nov. 25  
**Oaklawn Park**—Jan. 25 to May 4  
**Oak Tree at Pleasanton**—June 15 to  
July 8  
**Prairie Meadows**—April 26 to Aug. 11  
**Santa Anita**—Dec. 26 to June 24  
**Saratoga**—July 20 to Sept. 3  
**Tampa Bay Downs**—Nov. 25 to May  
6; June 30  
**Thistledown**—April 30 to Oct. 20  
**Turf Paradise**—Oct. 14 to May 6  
**Woodbine**—April 21 to Dec. 16

## MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

**Two-Year Olds in Training**, Fasig-Tipton  
Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion,  
Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or  
252-5860. May 21, 22.  
**Midlantic Fall Yearlings**, Fasig-Tipton  
Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion,  
Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or  
252-5860. Oct. 1, 2.

## OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

**June Two-Year-Olds and Horses of  
Racing Age**, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.,  
Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154.  
June 12-14.

**July Selected Horses of Racing Age**,  
Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.  
(859) 225-1555. July 9.

**July Selected Yearlings**,  
Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.  
(859) 225-1555. July 9, 10.

## REGIONAL RACE DAYS

**New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival**,  
Monmouth Park, Oceanport, N.J. (732)  
870-9718; www.njbreds.com. Aug. 26.

**Pennsylvania's Day at the Races**,  
Parx Racing, Bensalem, Pa. (610)  
444-1050; www.pabred.com. Sept. 1.

**West Virginia Breeders Classics**,  
Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va.  
(304) 725-0709; www.wvbc.com.  
Oct. 13.

**Maryland Million**, Laurel Park,  
Laurel, Md. (410) 252-2100;  
www.marylandmillion.com. Oct. 20.

## ASSOCIATION EVENTS

**Pennsylvania Horse Breeders  
Association Iroquois Awards  
Banquet**, The Hotel Hershey, Hershey,  
Pa. (610) 444-1050. June 8.  
**Maryland Horse Breeders Association  
Yearling Show**, Timonium Fairgrounds,  
Timonium, Md. (410) 252-2100.  
June 24.

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**Virginia Gold Cup**, The Plains, Va. May 5.  
**Winterthur**, Winterthur, Del. May 6.  
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vet.upenn.edu/about/penn-vet-events-  
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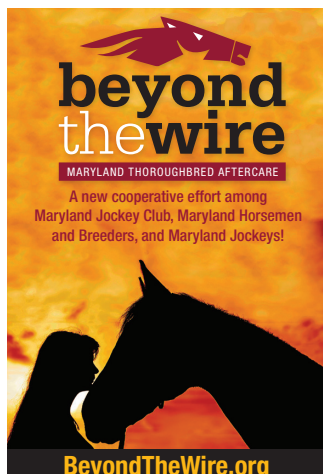
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Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

**HOW TO SOLVE:** Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. NOTE: The puzzle contains no punctuation.

## CLUES

## WORDS

A. NY hcp. Mt. Livermore  
won under 140 lbs.: 2 wds.

153 75 118 97

104 1 131 36 62 145 82 28 111 12

B. Emulated 50 Cent

72 158 38 117 53 148

C. Betting with a mutuel  
clerk: 3 wds.

37 102 151 63 115 17 134 30 89 51 124

D. CA Lt. Gov. vying to  
succeed Jerry Brown

11 119 74 137 45 144

E. MD-bred Preakness  
winner of 1966: 2 wds.

160 48 139 85 101 13 31 130 24

F. MI town, site of '17 barn  
fire that killed 13 horses

35 149 16 121 65 108

G. Judge presided over O.J.  
Simpson criminal trial

90 141 64

H. Indicated an auction bid,  
perhaps

83 143 8 154 61 43

I. 17<sup>th</sup> c. Indian shrine at  
Agra: 2 wds.

103 19 138 113 4 60 125 34

J. Footnote for a race winner  
not whipped: 2 wds.

2 147 47 157 95 14 116 69 32

K. Sign, as a contract

98 70 58

L. Showed racing eagerness  
amid a taut rein

114 55 159 6 40 87

M. HOF rider Piggott

5 66 140 20 100 122

N. Thoroughbreds

112 54 150 88 27 133 76

O. Country singer (1933-93)  
had 50 No. 1 hits: 2 wds.

127 46 156 21 33 7 110 135 56 79 93 73

P. Liz Merryman trainee won  
2012-13 MD Million Turf

94 152 78 10 128 29 49

Q. He twice defeated Count  
Fleet

25 57 80 155 39 107 71 129 15 92

R. Surrendered in the stretch,  
metaphorically

77 9 109 44 123 91

S. Former House speaker  
Gingrich

86 3 120 59

T. Riding casually

18 105 67 146 26 52 84

U. Horrified

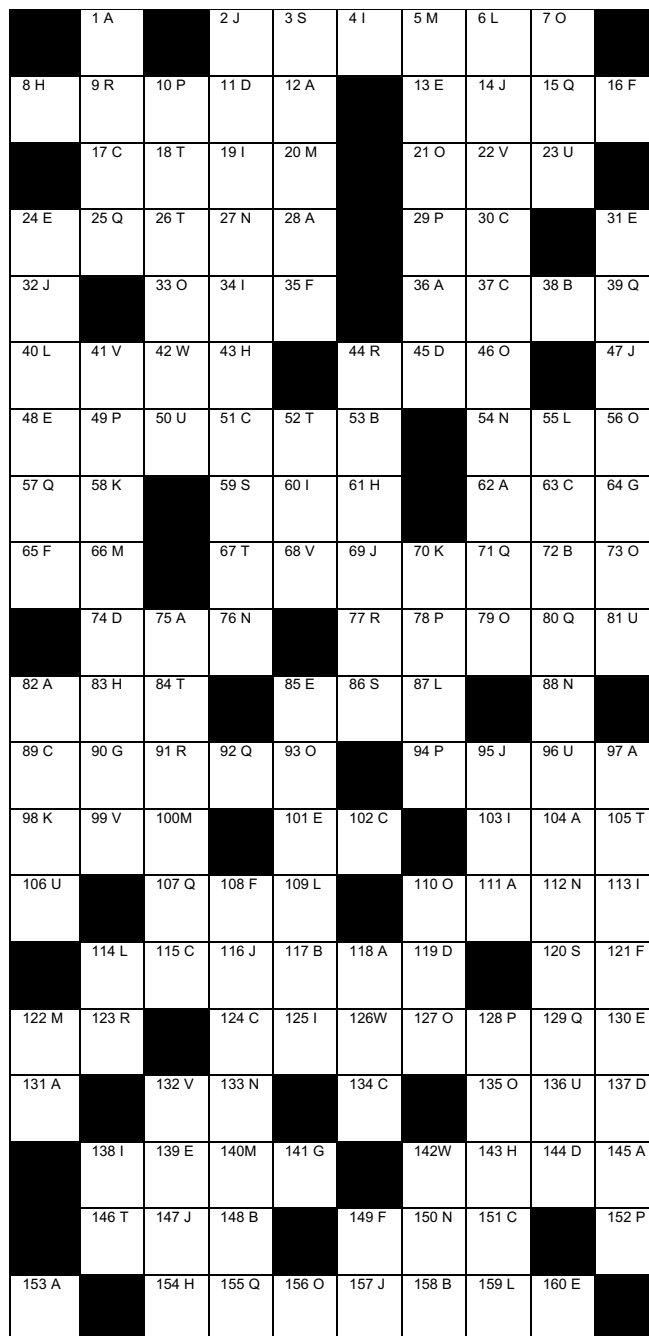
136 50 81 96 23 106

V. '92 Irish champ, infertile,  
raced anew for F.Sahlman

99 68 132 22 41

W. Parx winter post-time  
suffix: abbr.

42 142 126



(HAROLD) WADLEY: A GENUINE WAR HORSE. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT IMAGE OF RECKLESS AGAINST THE SKYLINE, HER SILHOUETTE IN THE FLARE LIGHTS. IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE, IN ALL THAT INTENSE FIRE, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CHAOS. I SAID, 'DAD GUM, THAT'S THAT MARE!'

A. Will Farish  
B. Atheists  
C. Deflates  
D. Lite the Fuse  
E. Estate  
F. Yikes  
G. Almodovar

H. Gaskin  
I. Englehart  
J. Neat  
K. Uninvited  
L. IEA  
M. Noble  
N. Emmett Till

O. Whiting  
P. Achilles  
Q. Rates  
R. High Brite  
S. On the lam  
T. Reigh Count  
U. Siddhartha  
V. Eff



**Preakness Day, 1955** Nearly overflowing, save for some empty seats in front of the clubhouse for some reason, Pimlico Race Course hosted a win by Nashua. Second to Swaps in the Kentucky Derby, the Belair Stud runner won the Preakness and Belmont Stakes and later in the year got his ultimate revenge on Swaps in a match race at Washington Park in Chicago.

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- Out of a Half-Sister to #1 Third-Crop Sire DIALED IN
- First Foals Are Yearlings



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- Multiple 100+ Beyers, Earnings of \$1,351,500
- Dam is a Full Sister to Phenomenal Sire TAPIT
- By Multiple Champion & Classic Winner LOOKIN AT LUCKY
- Standing His First Season in 2018



Pennsylvania

## G1-Placed/NTR Setter by UNCLE MO UNCLE LINO

Uncle Mo – Haysee, by Orientate | \$4,000 LF

- Won California Chrome S. (NTR), Del Mar 2YO MSW
- Placed in Santa Anita Derby-G1, Robert B. Lewis S.-G3
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